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official life, for which he is so well fitted, will allow him to retire.

Joseph L. Larkin was born at Neville, in Washington township, January 17, 1857, and is a son of John Wesley and Rachel (Hull) Larkin. John Wesley Larkin was a son of Elijah Larkin, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Clermont county, where he conducted a grocery store. In his later days he had the distinction of being the oldest justice of the peace in the county, and for many years served as an associate judge. He was a Whig and latterly a Republican. John Wesley Larkin was born and reared in Washington township, and for many years was an excellent blacksmith at Neville. As his name would indicate, he was a Methodist, and was a very active worker in that church. Rachel (Hull) Larkin was born in Mason county, Kentucky, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin were the parents of nine children, two of whom died when about five years of age:

Charles E., of Glendale, Ohio.

Sarah A. married E. R. Hester, of this county. She is deceased.

John Wesley, Jr., of Paris, Ky., was at one time a distiller, but is now engaged in farming.

George G. conducts a bakery at Eaton, Ohio.

Mary F. is the wife of William Houser, of Mount Holly, this county.

C. C. is cashier of one of the banks of New Richmond, Ohio.

Joseph L., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Larkin died in 1867 and his wife passed away in 1896.

Joseph L. Larkin was reared at Neville, where he received his education in the public schools at that place.

In 1879, his marriage to Miss Kate L. Lemon took place. She was born in Washington township, and is a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Milspaugh) Lemon, the former of whom died in 1882, and the latter in 1878. They were natives of Hamilton county, Ohio, but soon after their marriage they moved to Clermont county, where they were successful farmers of Washington township. Five of their children are living:

Elizabeth is the wife of Isaiah M. Johnson, of Helena, Mont.

Miss Prudie makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Larkin.

Lorena C., the widow of J. M. Woods, lives with her daughter in Cincinnati.

E. W. is a business man of Chicago, but his home and family are of New Richmond, Ohio.





Mr. Larkin followed farming until 1894, when he was called upon to act as deputy county clerk, which position he filled until in 1903. He then accepted a position with the Union Central Life Insurance Company, in the loan department at the central office. After four years in this capacity he became deputy county auditor under County Auditor C. L. Ironton. So acceptably did he serve in this office that he was elected county auditor and is at present serving his second term, with credit to himself and his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin are the parents of one son, Samuel Lemon Larkin, who was born August 29, 1891, and who graduated from the Batavia High School in 1911 and is now his father's assistant.

During his busy life Mr. Larkin has served as township trustee for six years. Politically, he is a Democrat, although he is the only one in a large family who does not vote the Republican ticket. Mr. Larkin is a member of the Masonic brotherhood and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, of Cincinnati, of the fraternal Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter of Batavia.

Mr. Larkin is a man of great energy and enterprise and well deserves the esteem and high regard of his fellow men. He is a man of domestic tastes, devoted to his family and ever looking to their happiness and well being. He is a man of keen perception and honesty of purpose, combined with every-day common sense, guided by will power, a man of whom Clermont county is and well may be proud.

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### JAMES B. TURNER.

As a representative business man; as an active and earnest worker in all that tends to promote the best interests of the community in which he lives, James B. Turner, who has been treasurer of Clermont county since September, 1909, stands foremost in the ranks of enterprising men of the county. He was born at Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 28, 1869, and is a son of James J. and Mary (Forbes) Turner.

James J. Turner was born in Hamilton county in 1846, and now resides in Monterey, which has been his home for thirty years. His life occupation has been along agricultural lines



and is now retired from active work. His father was from Pennsylvania.

Mary (Forbes) Turner is a native of Clermont county, and was born in 1849, a daughter of Eben and Phoebe (Robinson) Forbes, probably an early family in the county. Eben Forbes followed farming most of his life. He and his family were Baptists. Mrs. Turner has two sisters living, one in Kentucky and one in Mt. Carmel, Clermont county.

Mr. James B. Turner is one of four children, of whom two are deceased.

Mrs. Mabel Stockton, died in Clermont county in July, 1903.

Annie, died at the age of twelve years.

Miss Stella, lives at home in Monterey.

In 1891 James B. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Cover, who is a daughter of Daniel Cover, and a native of the county, her childhood home having been in Monterey. To this union have been born five children:

Aurelia, aged fourteen years.

Edwin, aged eight years.

Ralph, died at the age of twelve years.

Erma, died at the age of six years.

Earl, died in infancy.

Mr. Turner followed farming in Jackson township for a number of years, until he was elected to the office of county treasurer. He is a member of the Masonic lodge; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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### ALLEN GLANCY.

It is always of interest to the reader of history to examine into the life records of pioneer families, to note those qualities of enterprise, sound judgment and unwavering integrity which have ever been characteristic of those sturdy men and women of the early days, who have left comfortable homes in settled communities to brave the uncertain elements and conditions of a new country. It is of great interest to note how those courageous men and women met and conquered the obstacles and difficulties that arise in the daily life of the pioneer family.





Allen Glancy is a scion of one of the most notable of the early families of Clermont county, and is numbered among the oldest residents of Batavia, Ohio, where for the past forty-two years he has conducted a general merchandise store in his present location. Mr. Allen Glancy was born in Batavia township, one mile from Batavia, and his parents were William and Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this mention, James Glancy, was born in Pennsylvania in 1791, and upon the death of his parents, he and his sister, Elizabeth, became the wards of their father's elder brother, Jesse Glancy, who came to Clermont county in 1805 from Harrisburg, York county, Pennsylvania, settling on a large tract of land around what is now known as Williams's Corners, in Stonelick township. After James had reached his majority, his uncle, Jesse Glancy, settled him on a fine tract of land in Temples's survey, No. 4459, in Batavia township, which was later occupied by his son, William. James Glancy was united in marriage to Amanda Ashton, whose family were early settlers of Montgomery county, Ohio. She bore him three sons and two daughters, William, Thomas, Joseph, Rachel (McAfee) and Elizabeth (Maham), all of whom are deceased. James Glancy passed from this life in 1839, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

William Glancy was born on the old home farm two miles north of Batavia, in the year of 1812, and grew to young manhood upon his father's farm. After his marriage, he rented the farm on which Allen was born, following which he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1891. He followed the occupation of general farming, in connection with which he also worked at the brick laying trade, erecting many fine buildings and homes in the county. In politics, William Glancy was a Democrat, and although he did not aspire to office, served as trustee for many years. In religion, he was at one time a member of the Christian Union church, but mainly favored the belief of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy was born in 1824, two miles east of Batavia, and was a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Davidson) Fitzwater, the latter being a daughter of General Davidson, a pioneer of Clermont county, and the former accompanied his father to Clermont county from Pennsylvania, driving the entire distance.





To the union of William and Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy were born eleven children:

Allen, our subject.

Amanda, who became the wife of William Kirby, of Dayton, Ohio.

Melvin, deceased, whose family live at Dayton, Ohio.

Elmira (Thompson), deceased, and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Titus, resides at Batavia.

Thomas, a contractor of Batavia, Ohio.

Elizabeth, wife of Louis Rossell, of Dayton, Ohio.

Keturah, who became the wife of Fred Gomien, of Batavia.

Emma, who is the widow of John Gerber, of Dayton, Ohio.

Anna, the wife of Major T. A. Fravell, of Dayton, Ohio.

Elbert C., of Dayton, married a daughter of Judge Ashburn, of Batavia.

Mellie, died in infancy.

Allen Glancy passed through the years of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life. He attended the schools of Batavia and having displayed considerable artistic talent during his early years, upon the completion of his course of study at the high school, entered the T. C. Lindsay Art School, of Cincinnati, where he studied landscape work in oil. He has an extensive collection of his work, although he has sold paintings in many cities in various parts of the country. He has exhibited at the National exhibits of Cincinnati and Atlanta, Ga., and while on one of his trips to Georgia, he made a splendid painting of old Andersonville prison, which excited considerable favorable comment from art critics. However, the artistic talent of Mr. Glancy has in no way interfered with his business activity, and he has enjoyed a trade that is indicative of his excellent business capacity, his straightforward methods, and his conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics.

On the 24th of March, 1864, Mr. Glancy was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Jennie McColm, the ceremony being solemnized at Owensville, Clermont county, Ohio. Miss McColm was born at Rushville, Ind., in the year of 1843, and her parents were John and Nancy (Wilson) McColm, the latter a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier and a major of that war. Nancy Wilson was born in Vermont in 1812, and her forebears came over in the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth. Her death occurred in 1850, at the age of thirty-nine years.



The McColm family are of Scotch lineage, John McColm being born in North Carolina in 1796, two years after his father, James McColm, came to America from Scotland. James McColm later removed to Adams county, Ohio, where he resided until his death. Several of the men of the McColm family for generations have been ministers. John McColm was a farmer by occupation, living in Jackson township, Clermont county, and was one of the pioneers in the Methodist church in this section of the State. His death occurred in 1852. To the union of John and Nancy (Wilson) McColm were born five children, Mrs. Glancy, E. W. McColm, of Carthage, Ill., and David, Louise and Albert, deceased.

Mrs. Glancy was reared and has resided her life thus far in Clermont county. She and her husband have traveled life's journey together for nearly fifty years, their life being one) of extreme harmony. Their union has been blessed with one child, a son, Homer B., lieutenant-colonel of the First regiment, Ohio National Guards, residing at Batavia, Ohio. He enlisted as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and was made sergeant of the First regiment. After the close of the war, he organized a company of Ohio National guards at Batavia, of which he was elected captain, and was later promoted to the office of lieutenant-colonel. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Homer B. Glancy chose for his life's companion, Miss Bessie Denham, of Indiana. Her mother was a daughter of Henry Lindsay, of Clermont county.

In political matters, Mr. Glancy is a Democrat, though not in the light of an office seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business and his painting.

Socially, Mr. Glancy has held membership for thirty-five years with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has satisfactorily filled the office of treasurer of Batavia lodge, No. 136. Both he and Mrs. Glancy are members of the Rebekah lodge, No. 450, and Mrs. Glancy is a charter member of the Batavia Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Glancy are consistent members of the Methodist church, and are active in all church affairs.

The cause of moral development in his community is of deep and sincere interest to Mr. Glancy, and matters of public welfare elicit his attention. His co-operation is given to every movement which he believes will prove of definite and immediate service or of permanent good.





## ELDER JAMES HENRY LOCKWOOD.

Clermont county has been called upon on more than one occasion to part with citizens of the very highest type of usefulness, and to hold, only in memory, those who had been familiar figures and had been identified with her dearest interests. In recalling the late Elder James Henry Lockwood, the citizens of the county will remember one who for many years was a prominent minister of the Christian church, and who preached in many of the churches in this vicinity. He was a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and his life history should have a place on the pages of the county's annals. He was born in Green township, Hamilton county, Ohio, September 11, 1822, a son of Ezekiel and Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood.

Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood was a native of Steuben county, New York, and came to Hamilton county with her father in 1820. In the same year Ezekiel Lockwood, who was born and reared in Greenwich, Conn., came to Hamilton county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm in Green township, and in 1821 his marriage to Miss Trowbridge occurred. They followed farming for two years, after which they removed to the eastern part of Cincinnati, where he engaged in steamboat building, a trade in which he had served a full apprenticeship in New York City. He continued in this business as contractor and master builder, in Cincinnati and Fulton, until in the spring of 1846. In the meantime, Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood had passed away and Ezekiel had married the second time, Miss Ann Medary, the ceremony taking place in 1841.

The early education of Elder J. H. Lockwood was received in the common district schools until in 1839, when he entered Woodward College, of which Prof. B. P. Aydelott was president. He continued in college for three sessions of six months each, reaching his sophomore year, when his health failed and he was forced to discontinue his studies for a time. To regain his health, our subject helped his father in steamboat building for two years.

In 1842, Elder Lockwood became a member of the Christian church of Fulton, being baptized by Elder James Challen. He joyfully engaged in the church work as a teacher, later becoming superintendent of the Sunday school, continuing until in February, 1846, when the family removed to Nicholasville, Clermont county.

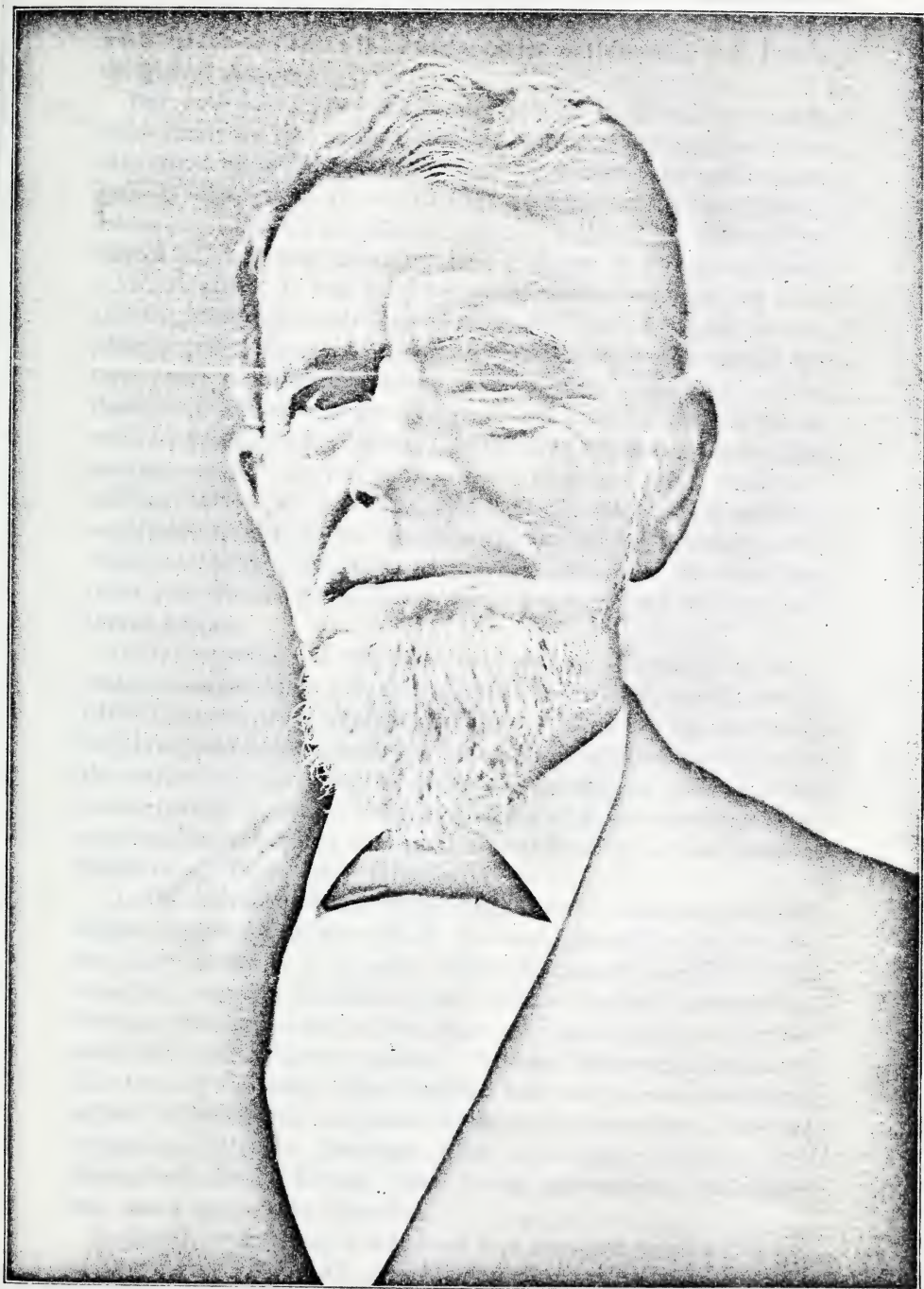
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*J. H. Lockwood*



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In the fall of 1845, Elder Lockwood had the pleasure of a visit to the native home of his father, spending six weeks with relatives there. The enjoyment of this visit was ever a delightful memory.

The two years after the family settled in Clermont county were spent by our subject and his father in putting the home into good repair and by this time his health was sufficiently recovered so that at the earnest solicitation of his friends, Elder J. T. Powell and Elder George Campbell, he entered the school at Fairview, Rush county, Indiana, in charge of Prof. A. R. Benton. It had long been a cherished wish of our subject to prepare himself for the ministry, that he might accomplish a greater good. He was in attendance at this school for two years, making his home with Brother Campbell, while there, and having the advantage of his counsel and advice as well as access to his library, which was a great help to him in his studies. During the years of 1850 and 1851, while attending school at Fairview, Elder Lockwood began sending out appointments to the neighboring churches for Sunday services, and in this way commenced his ministerial life, walking from four to six miles to address congregations at four different points.

In the summer of 1851, he returned to Clermont county, and was engaged to preach at Bethel twice each month and a little later he was engaged at New Richmond on alternate Sundays, also holding services at Neville and other points until the spring of 1854. In the meantime he taught school in the home district for six months, at a salary of 25 per month, which was the highest salary ever paid in that locality at that time to teachers in the country schools.

On the morning of March 30, 1854, occurred the marriage of Elder Lockwood to Miss M. E. Holland, the officiating minister being Elder J. T. Powell. Elder Lockwood and his bride went at once to Madison, Ind., where he had accepted a charge. He continued at this place for eight years, where he was held in the highest esteem. During these eight years he had the joy of seeing two hundred and forty-seven members added to the church, and was called upon from time to time to preach in Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio and Ripley counties, Indiana, and also at Bethel, Ohio, being instrumental in bringing many into these churches.

In April, 1862, Elder Lockwood was engaged to take charge of the church at Bethel, preaching semi-monthly at this place





for forty-two years, and at New Richmond on alternate Sundays, for twelve years. In addition to the work in these two churches, he preached for a number of years at Felicity, Georgetown, Moscow, Mt. Orab, Dayton, Hamersville, Liberty, Ripley, Russellville, Fincastle, Monterey, and other points.

By the choice of the churches in the Twenty-eighth district of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, he was made secretary for twenty-six years, being instrumental in organizing and building neat church houses at Georgetown, Bethel, and Mt. Orab.

Beside the ministerial work mentioned in Ohio, Elder Lockwood has held meetings and helped to organize churches in Kentucky, at Ghent, Liberty, Cynthiana, Mt. Bird, Brooksville, and Covington.

Elder and Mrs. Lockwood were the parents of seven children:

Edward A., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, was born at Madison, Ind., January 19, 1855.

Walter E., was born at Madison, Ind., and died at Greenville, Ohio, in 1909. He was a merchant at that place for many years.

George M., was also born at Madison, Ind., and was a partner of Walter E. at Greenville for years.

Charles H., was born in Clermont county, and owns and operates a large restaurant at Buffalo, N. Y.

J. Harry, a native of Clermont county, has been a reporter on the "Cincinnati Enquirer" for the past twenty years.

Anna M., is the wife of A. C. Crone, a partner in the Whitaker Paper Company, of Cincinnati.

William T., is an extensive real estate dealer in Redcliffe, Canada, which town he built.

The lives of Elder and Mrs. Lockwood were spent in harmony, each devoted and sacrificing in the trials they were called upon to bear, being true and earnest helpmates. Mrs. Lockwood passed away in June, 1890, at their home in Monroe township, near Nicholasville.

After the death of his wife, Elder Lockwood removed to Cincinnati and made his home with his daughter, Anna, now Mrs. A. C. Crone, still continuing his pastorate at Bethel. He passed from this life June 17, 1903, in his eighty-first year.

Elder Lockwood had the joy and pleasure of seeing not less than two thousand souls brought into the Kingdom by his

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The eleventh was the discovery of gold in Oklahoma in 1889. This discovery led to a great influx of people into Oklahoma, and the state became one of the most populous in the Union. The twelfth was the discovery of gold in Kansas in 1891. This discovery led to a great influx of people into Kansas, and the state became one of the most populous in the Union.

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The seventeenth was the discovery of gold in Indiana in 1901. This discovery led to a great influx of people into Indiana, and the state became one of the most populous in the Union. The eighteenth was the discovery of gold in Ohio in 1903. This discovery led to a great influx of people into Ohio, and the state became one of the most populous in the Union.



efforts in the ministry. His sermons were characterized by great forcefulness and plainness of speech, proclaiming man a sinner, and Christ a savior, calling upon all to repent at once and believe in the Master. Heaven was presented as the sure inheritance and future home of penitent believers. His was a life worth living, pure, earnest and peaceful.

Anna:

Autograph, I most gladly now write,  
Not because I have much to indite,  
Nevertheless, with others kind and true,  
Anna, I inscribe this affectionately to you.

Your father, J. H. Lockwood.

March 30, 1883.

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### THOMAS C. TEAL.

One of the well known men of the official life of Clermont county, Ohio, is Thomas C. Teal, who is the county sheriff. He is keenly alive to the interests of the community and is possessed of all the qualities and characteristics that are the making of the man of affairs. Mr. Teal holds the record for length of service, having served two terms in succession at two different times. He began his public life as deputy sheriff, serving two years under George H. Keen. In appreciation of his services at that time he was elected to the office of sheriff in 1893, beginning the activities of the office in January, 1894. That he performed his duties acceptably to the majority of the citizens of the county was evidenced in 1908 when he was again elected to the same office he had previously held. He has always given to the county his best endeavors. .

Thomas C. Teal is a native of Clermont county and was born May 1, 1848, a son of Jacob L. and Lydia (Dimmitt) Teal. Jacob L. Teal was born in Maryland in 1795 and was a son of Jacob Teal and wife, who came to Clermont county from Maryland in 1799 and who died about 1848. Jacob L. Teal was a carpenter and also taught school, but in later years he followed farming, residing on his fine farm of six hundred and twenty acres in Union township. He was a Whig and later a Democrat. Lydia (Dimmitt) Teal was born in Clermont county in 1800 and was a daughter of Ezekiel Dimmitt, a pioneer of an early day in the county. He was a contractor and builder and built the county court house



and Methodist Episcopal church. He died at Batavia at an advanced age. Jacob L. Teal died in 1869 and his wife followed him in 1875. They were both active and prominent members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Thomas C. Teal is one of twelve children, the father having been twice married. Those of the first family are: Jessie L., Burris W., and Sarah. Of this family all are deceased.

Those of the second family are:

Caroline, deceased.

Marcella, deceased.

Keziah, deceased.

Jennie, Mrs. Brancomb, of Cincinnati.

Amanda, deceased.

Granville is a farmer living in Union township, this county.

Thomas C., the subject of this review.

Viola, Mrs. Mohr, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mary, deceased.

Thomas C. Teal was reared on the home farm of his father in Union township, and farming has been his occupation for the greater part of his life. His educational privileges were rather limited, attending only the district schools, but he has always been a close observer and has learned many things not taught in books.

On December 26, 1866, the marriage of Mr. Teal to Miss Martha E. Patchel took place. She was also a native of Clermont county, her birthplace being Stone Lick. Her death occurred July 14, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Teal had born to their union four children:

Anna is the widow of Louis Maher, a railroad man. He was killed on the road about ten years ago, leaving one son who is a street car conductor at Cincinnati. Mrs. Maher resides with her father at Batavia.

William P., of College Hill, Cincinnati, is superintendent of free-hand drawing at the Hughes High School, Cincinnati. He also instructs on Saturdays at the Woodward High School. He married a daughter of Mr. John Ferenbach, superintendent of the Cincinnati Hospital and a civil engineer.

Miss Mary E., a musical instructor of Covington and Cincinnati. She has a fine contralto voice and has traveled quite extensively as a singer and pianist. She is a graduate of Clara Bower's School of Music at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

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Mr. Teal owns a hotel at Batavia, which he conducted for several years. He is a staunch Democrat and has been trustee of Stone Lick township for a number of years. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Batavia. He has taught a class of young ladies in the Methodist Sunday school for a number of years and is a great favorite with all of them. He has led a useful life filled with good deeds, belonging to a class of citizens who shed around them much of life's sunshine.

Prior to his election as county sheriff, Mr. Teal was night watchman for the United States Treasurer's office at Cincinnati, which position he held for three years. His work has always been done in an honorable and straightforward manner, no matter what was before him to do.

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### WILLIAM H. BAUM.

William H. Baum, now cashier of the German American Bank of Batavia, which was organized November 10, 1910, was born May 6, 1854, in Batavia, in the house in which he still lives with his mother, who is eighty-four years of age. His father, William Baum, was born and reared about Zanesville, Ohio, leaving his home upon his father's second marriage at the early age of twelve, with a very limited education. He spent some six years in Cincinnati, Ohio, learning the plane making trade, which trade he followed until the advent of machinery made his trade useless. In 1851 he moved to Batavia, where he went into the wholesale business, hauling and delivering immense loads of merchandise. He was engaged as a sutler in the army during the Civil war.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Old Washington Lodge No. 2, Cincinnati, until he demitted to the lodge at Batavia. While still in the wholesale business he died, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Matilda C. (Kain) Baum was the daughter of Col. Thomas Kain, whose ancestors were pioneers of Clermont county. In 1846 she was married to William Baum, to which union six children were born; Emma died at the age of four; Thomas C., a professional man in Philadelphia; William H., our subject; George F., of Batavia, who is in the express business; James A., a traveler from Cincinnati for Peck-Williamson



Company, died at the age of forty, and Miss Louise, of Batavia.

William H. Baum, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Batavia. He did his first work in a general store, but desiring something better, he went into the sewing machine and bicycle business, which trade he followed for about thirty years. Desiring something still better, about ten years ago he entered the Independent Telephone Company, which company was succeeded by the Bell system, and he is now, as before mentioned, the cashier of the German-American Bank.

Politically, Mr. Baum has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in political affairs. He has served in local official capacities, and as delegate, and was postmaster for seven and one-half years. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge and Chapter, of Batavia. He has never married.

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### JOSEPH GAYLEY.

Mr. Joseph Gayley, a retired carpenter, contractor and builder, of Decatur, Brown county, Ohio, and most highly regarded citizen, was born in Castlederg, county Tyrone, Ireland, in March, 1835. He is a son of John and Ruth (Thompson) Gayley, both natives of county Tyrone, Ireland.

The father of our subject was raised in county Tyrone, Ireland, and became a manufacturer of linen in connection with the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife were of the old school Presbyterians, and of that denomination he served for many years as elder. They had ten children born to their union, whose names follow: William, born in 1815; Margaret, who was the wife of Alexander Hill, near Baronscourt; John, who died in America in 1860; Ruth, who married John Gailey; Rhoda, who died at the age of two years; Andrew, who was born in 1828, in Castlederg, Ireland, and is still a resident of his native town; Robert, born in Cavnabun; Matilda, who married a Mr. Gilmore; Mary, who married John Cooper, and they died in Philadelphia, Pa.; and Joseph, our subject. John and Ruth (Thompson) Gayley both departed this life in the country of their nativity after useful and honorable lives.

Mr. Joseph Gayley was fifteen years of age when he sailed for America, in 1850. He received a good schooling in Ireland and attended a number of classical schools. Upon his arrival in America the young man spent one year in Chester county,

The first of these is the fact that the  
 history of the world is a history of  
 progress. The world has not been  
 the same since the beginning of  
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 changing, and it will continue to  
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 is the progress of the human race.  
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 constantly improving itself, and it  
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Pennsylvania, with an uncle, Daniel Gayley. He then went to Homesburg, a suburb of Philadelphia, where he engaged in the making of dry goods boxes for a calico print establishment, and was thus occupied until the great panic of 1857 in the United States.

In 1857, Mr. Gayley came to Ohio and settled at Decatur, which has been his home since that time. He first took up the business of carpentering and later undertook some contracting and building. His success in this line of endeavor led him to continue in this business until 1904, when he was able to retire from active labor and to enjoy the well earned ease of the prosperous business man.

Mr. Gayley is also an honored veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served with the one hundred-day men, not quite four months. His military career was served at Columbus, Ohio.

On the 18th day of September, 1865, Mr. Joseph Gayley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Amanda Shofstall, daughter of Florence and Sarah (Smith) Shofstall, and for nearly half a century this worthy couple have traveled together on the journey of life. One daughter has blessed this union, Florence, now the wife of Dr. James H. Hamilton.

Mrs. Gayley was born on the hill south of Decatur, Ohio, January 14, 1841. Her father was born in Hagerstown, Md., her mother in Maysville, Ky. They were early settlers in Brown county, Ohio, leaving Kentucky on account of the slavery agitation. They settled on a farm adjoining Decatur on the south, which he improved and there raised his family. Her father died November 8, 1872, on Presidential election morning, seventy-nine years of age, and her mother passed away at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom lived to mature years: Nancy, who married William Campbell; Clarissa, who married Frederick Elifritz; David Shofstall; John Shofstall; Julia Ann, who married D. B. Kirker; William Shofstall; Elizabeth Amanda, wife of our subject; Margaret Faris, wife of Albert Liggett, both now deceased; and Richard Henry Shofstall, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayley are both earnest and active members of the Presbyterian church, of which denomination he is serving as elder and clerk of the session.

In politics, Mr. Gayley is an advocate of the principles of

The first of these is the fact that the United States is a young country, and that its history is still in the making. The second is the fact that the United States is a large country, and that its history is still in the making.

The third is the fact that the United States is a free country, and that its history is still in the making. The fourth is the fact that the United States is a democratic country, and that its history is still in the making.

The fifth is the fact that the United States is a country of immigrants, and that its history is still in the making. The sixth is the fact that the United States is a country of diverse peoples, and that its history is still in the making.

The seventh is the fact that the United States is a country of great natural resources, and that its history is still in the making. The eighth is the fact that the United States is a country of great scientific and technological achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The ninth is the fact that the United States is a country of great cultural achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The tenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great political achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The eleventh is the fact that the United States is a country of great economic achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The twelfth is the fact that the United States is a country of great social achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The thirteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great military achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The fourteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great diplomatic achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The fifteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great artistic achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The sixteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great literary achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The seventeenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great musical achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The eighteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great theatrical achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

The nineteenth is the fact that the United States is a country of great sporting achievements, and that its history is still in the making. The twentieth is the fact that the United States is a country of great scientific and technological achievements, and that its history is still in the making.

the Republican party and has served his party as township trustee for nearly thirty years.

Mr. Gayley has always been known as a man of high personal character and is one of the most public spirited citizens of Brown county.

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### WILLIAM H. SMITH.

One of the most public spirited men of Clermont county, Ohio, and one who takes an active interest in all political affairs, is William H. Smith, who was superintendent of the Clermont county infirmary for three years and ten months, during which time Mrs. Smith was matron, located near Batavia on the Batavia & Milford pike. The farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. William H. Smith is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Franklin township, near Felicity, July 8, 1864. He is a son of Peter C. and Mary J. (McKibbon) Smith, who were prosperous farmers of the county. They had born to their union five children, of whom our subject is one. Mrs. Smith died April 30, 1875, and Peter Smith married a second time. To this marriage were born three children.

William H. Smith spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the farm of his father, attending the schools in his district, finishing in the high school at Felicity, Ohio, under Professor William H. Ulrey and Professor G. W. Witham.

On March 26, 1893, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Stella Etta Trees, who is also a native of Clermont county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles F. Park. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of James and Paulina (Sapp) Trees, who were both born and reared in Clermont county, and who were thriving farmers living in Washington township, near Moscow. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandparents came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in an early day and her maternal grandfather came to Ohio from Kentucky. Her father was twice married and Mrs. Smith is the youngest of fifteen children, of whom thirteen grew to maturity. Mrs. Smith received a good education and taught school for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son born to them:

Parker McKibbon, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, July 27, 1897. He is a student of the Felicity High School.

In 1899, Mr. Smith purchased a farm of sixty-eight and one-





half acres north of Felicity, where he lived and carried on general farming until he was appointed superintendent of the infirmary, which he filled acceptably to all the community until January 1, 1913, when he resigned to return to his farm.

Mr. Smith is an active Democrat and served his party as delegate to the county conventions and as trustee of Franklin township for nearly four years. He served as assessor for two years. He has been a member of the Chirstian church since he was twenty-one years of age and when very young manifested an especial talent for music, learning to play the cornet. He soon became a member of the church choir and orchestra and of the Military Band, being at present a member of the Batavia Band and Orchestra. He is a member of the Felicity Camp, No. 8762, Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### GEORGE A. KEEN AND BROTHER.

George A. Keen and Thomas A. Keen, members of the firm of George A. Keen & Brother, of Batavia, Ohio, are men of exceptional business ability and have met with success in whatever they have undertaken. Their methods are practical and honorable and their conduct upright and conscientious.

George A. Keen was born in Covington, Ky., November 26, 1851, and is a son of Archibald and Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen, the former of whom was born in Newport, Ky. He was a manufacturer of brick and had a very prosperous business. Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen was born in Kenton county, Kentucky.

Mr. George Keen received his education in the public schools of Covington, Ky. When he was eighteen years of age he began his life career as a business man. For twelve years he was employed by the Covington cold storage plant and during this time he was married to Miss Elizabeth Waterfield, the date being November 21, 1876. She is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Edward and Lucinda (Plank) Salt. She was adopted, when quite young, by William and Minerva Waterfield, of Covington, Ky., who reared and educated her in the Notre Dame School, Reading, Ohio, and at Ohio Wesleyan College at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Keen's health failed in 1881 and his physician advised a change of employment. He moved to Chilo, Clermont county,



where he opened a general merchandise business, and although he was new to this occupation, he was very successful, building up a splendid patronage.

In 1889 Mr. Keen was elected sheriff by the Democratic party, taking office January 1, 1890. He sold out his business at Chilo and moved to Batavia. He served in this office for two years.

At the close of his term of office as sheriff Mr. Keen bought out the coal and lumber business of J. W. Duckwall & Bro., and in 1892 a partnership was formed with his brother, Thomas A. Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen are the parents of three children:

William W. was born in Covington and is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University. He is now assistant secretary of the Mobile Gas and Electric Company, of Mobile, Ala. He married Miss Sarah Greeno, of Milford, Ohio. They have one child, Alice.

Ginevra was born at Chilo, a twin of Minerva, who died when she was two and one-half years old. She is a graduate of the Batavia High School and married Everett Shipp, living at Washington, D. C., where he is chief photographer in the Forestry Department of the United States Government. They have two children—Elizabeth and Virginia.

Archibald E. was born at Chilo and received a common school education. He is in the coal and lumber business at Mt. Healthy, Ohio. He married Miss Louise Walker, a daughter of Judge Walker. They have one child, Ann Elizabeth.

Mr. George Keen is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a trustee and a teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday school. He became a member of Felicity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and was demitted to Batavia. He has filled the various chairs and has also taken Chapter and Council degrees, at New Richmond.

Thomas A. Keen, of the firm of George A. Keen & Brother, was born at Covington, Ky., October 21, 1857, a son of Archibald and Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen. He was reared and educated at Covington, attending the public schools of that place until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered the brick manufacturing business of his father, following this occupation for four years. He then took up the cold storage business and continued in this employment for fourteen years.





In 1892 the partnership with his brother, George, was formed. Mr. Keen was never married.

The firm of George A. Keen & Brother deals in coal, lumber, lime and cement. They enjoy a liberal patronage and are well known in the county.

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### CAPT. CHARLES H. MURRAY.

Capt. Charles H. Murray was a native of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, and on January 30, 1861, was united in marriage to Miss Amy J. Huling, who was born in the old log house in Monroe township, which was built by her grandfather, William Huling.

William Huling came to Clermont county from New Jersey in 1803, traveling the distance by horseback, and on the way looking at many locations that might be suitable for a future home, but he was not entirely satisfied with all surroundings until he reached the county of Clermont. He kept a diary of the trip and could have settled on the site where Cincinnati is located. The interesting diary is still in the family. After finding a location that desired for a future home, William Huling returned to New Jersey for his family and in 1810, settled on the farm which is the present home of Mrs. Murray. He erected a log house, in which the family resided for many years. He became a large land owner in this section, and died in 1826, in the prime of life.

The parents of Mrs. Murray were Jacob and Amy (Ware) Huling, the former of whom was born in New Jersey in 1800 and died in 1881, and the latter of whom was also a native of New Jersey, her birth occurring in 1807, and who died in January, 1889. Jacob Huling was twice married, there being three children by the first union and three children by the second, Mrs. Murray being the youngest child of the second marriage. He was in early years a Whig, and later a Republican, although he would never accept of an office. He was a devout member of the Methodist church.

Capt. Charles H. Murray received a fine education and was attending Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, at the time of the first alarm of the Civil war. He at once offered his services and assisted in forming a company, of which he was made lieutenant. Later, he became captain of the Fifth Ohio



cavalry, and was in the service from 1861 to 1865. Soon after his return from the war, Mr. Murray removed with his family to Clay City, Illinois, where he purchased forty acres of land adjoining the town. This was their home for some years, Mr. Murray following the occupation of a farmer until he became a prospector of Colorado. Mrs. Murray remained in the home in Illinois until the death of her father, in 1881, when she returned to her girlhood home to care for her mother in her declining years. This has been her home all her life, with the exception of the fourteen years spent in Illinois.

To the union of Captain and Mrs. Murray have been born two daughters:

Maude, who is single, lives at home with her mother.

Jessie, married Leslie D. Spence, a dentist of Amelia, Ohio.

Mrs. Murray occupies the old home farm of her parents and grandparents. The old log house in which she was born and spent the first two years of her life was standing until 1885. She is highly esteemed in the community where she has lived for the most of her life, and has a host of warm friends and acquaintances.

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### WILLIAM H. H. HENNING.

William H. H. Henning, a highly respected and prosperous farmer and dairyman of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he jointly owns and operates the old Lytle homestead, with John Ethelbert Lytle. These two families are a refutation of old theory, that "no roof is large enough for two families," as they have for years lived and farmed together as one family, rearing their children in peace and harmony. They carry on the business of general farming and dairying as partners, along scientific lines.

William Henning was born July 2, 1874, in Batavia township, and is a son of Henry D. and Mary (Eichner) Henning, the former of whom is a native of New York City and who came to Ohio with his parents, when he was thirteen years of age. He worked in a store in Cincinnati for a time and afterward worked on a boat, plying the river between Cincinnati and New Orleans. Later he became a photographer, working at that business until his marriage, when he purchased the farm where our subject, William Henning, was born, and which they still own. Mary Eichner was a native of Harris-





burg, Pa., coming to Ohio with her parents, who located at Dayton, Ohio. To them were born five children: George, who lives in Batavia township; William H. H., our subject; Stella; Clarence, who lives at Norwood, Ohio, is married and has one daughter, Florence, and Harry D., also a resident of Norwood, Ohio, who married Kathern Ellabach, December 31, 1909.

Mr. Henning is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Christian church, a Christian by faith and practice, contributing largely of his means toward the betterment of mankind.

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### JOHN ETHELBERT LYTLE.

John Ethelbert Lytle, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Clermont county, Ohio, whose home is on the old Lytle homestead on the Bantam pike, was born in the county of Clermont. He is a son of Nelson and Betsey (Wheeler) Lytle.

Nelson Lytle was born at Batavia, Ohio, July 1, 1827, and was a son of William and Annie (Kinnan) Lytle, the former of whom was a carpenter by trade. When quite young, Nelson went to live with his paternal grandfather, William Lytle, who gave the boy a good common school education, which, when completed, was turned to scientific farming under his grandfather's instruction. He followed this vocation in various places until his death. His father, William Lytle, met his death in 1856 by the falling of bark from a tree in the timber. It is a curious coincidence that both the father and the mother of Nelson met death by accident, the latter being thrown from a buggy shortly after the death of her husband. Nelson Lytle was twice married, the first to Miss Elizabeth Harris, October 28, 1848, and the second to Miss Betsy Wheeler, on September 18, 1864. To the first union, six children were born, four of whom are living, and to the second union were born five children, four of whom are still living. Of the second family are the following:

George O., who is a fruit grower near Seattle, Wash.

Emma J., who married William Henning, and has one son, Earl, born July 21, 1902.

Horace M., a farmer of Monroe township, this county, and has four children.

John E., our subject.



Clifford, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Nelson Lytle was a successful farmer and was a Republican but not an office seeker. He was a consistent member of the Christian church of Mt. Holly, and served as treasurer for years before his death, which occurred August 8, 1901, his wife passing away July 2, 1892.

John Ethelbert Lytle grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving a good education in the common schools of his locality. He married Miss Stella Henning, September 18, 1900. She is a daughter of Henry D. and Mary (Eichner) Henning, and was born at Batavia, Ohio, September 15, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle have two children:

Clarence, who was born November 13, 1901.

Walter, whose birth occurred June 13, 1905.

Mr. Lytle is a Republican, although not an office seeker, and is interested in all political questions of the day. He is a member and a trustee of the Christian church, also being superintendent of the Sunday school.

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#### A. B. APPLGATE.

Among the oldest residents of Milford, Ohio, Mr. A. B. Applegate is numbered, having for many years been identified with the agricultural, professional and public life of Clermont county. He is the present mayor of the thriving town of Milford, having been elected in 1911, and his term has been one of progression.

Mr. Applegate was born on a farm near Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, August 10, 1842, his parents being John and Anna (Emery) Applegate, who were successful farmers of the county for many years. His maternal grandfather was Judge John Emery.

The boyhood of Mr. Applegate was spent on the farm, attending the schools of the district, later becoming a student of the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, and, in 1861, engaged in the profession of teaching. After two months he thought himself a failure and gave up his position and, in September, 1864, enlisted in Company E, Seventy-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, being sent at once to the front. He was under fire at Nashville, Tenn., and remained in the service until June, 1865.





The following fall, after his return from the war, Mr. Applegate attended spelling school in the same district in which he had taught and was asked to pronounce the words, which he did with so pleasing a manner that the directors of the school asked him to teach the school for the winter term. Remembering his former unsuccessful venture in this line of work, he refused. However, his refusal would not be accepted, and even though he had no certificate, he was urged to take the position, which he finally did. Instead of using Professor Holbrook's methods he used a little army discipline, with such success that he was engaged to teach the school for five consecutive years.

In the year of 1872, on the 8th of May, Mr. Applegate was married to Miss Amelia Boutell, of Charleston, Goshen township, where she was born and reared, having been a former pupil in his school. She was a daughter of Capt. George and Marietta (Brooks) Boutell.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate were born five children:

Marietta was born in 1873, her sweet life ending in 1876.

A. B., Jr., was born at Belfast, Clermont county, June 7, 1878, was graduated from the Milford High School, after which he taught school four years. He crossed the ocean six times as an employee of the United States Government, on a mail steamer. He was also employed as clerk in the postoffice at Cincinnati for one year, later becoming a clerk for the Adams Express Company, which position he holds at the present time. He married Mrs. Pearl Jones, and they have no children.

Florence, who was born at Milford, was married to Jacob Brauer, their home being at Covington, Ky. She has two children, Florence and J. Barton.

George W. was born at Milford and is a graduate of the high school of that place. He has been bookkeeper and cashier of the Mutual Banking Company, of Cincinnati, for the past eight years. He married Miss Valerie Trauth and they have one child, George Barton.

Anna Amelia was born in Milford and took a business course in Cincinnati. March 9, 1913, was married to Robert H. Drews, of Iowa City, Iowa, on her mother's sixtieth anniversary.

Mr. Applegate has always been a Democrat, though not an extreme partisan. He served as constable and justice of the peace, and although he has tried many cases, and some were



appealed, none was ever reversed. From 1885 to 1889 he was postmaster at Milford and for six years was township clerk, also being the township treasurer for four years. Being interested also in educational matters he was a member of the school board for six years and also served as treasurer of the board for five years. Mr. Applegate was secretary of the Milford Building & Loan Association for eight years. He was elected to the council at different times and during his term began the paving of the streets.

Mr. Applegate is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has been commander and adjutant, being privileged to attend some of the National reunions. He was a delegate to the State encampment in 1911, held at Lorain, and was alternate to the National encampment, held at Los Angeles, Cal., in 1912, and aid to Commander Blodget in 1913.

For the past thirty-four years Mr. Applegate has been active in the interests of Milford, and his influence has been one of progression, and his many good traits of heart have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact, and at seventy-one years of age is hale and hearty.

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### MAJOR DION WILLIAMS.

Major Dion Williams, United States Marine Corps, was born in the Williams homestead, at Williamsburg, Ohio, on December 15, 1869. He is the only son of Byron and Katherine Park Williams. He received his earlier education in the public schools of Williamsburg, graduating from the high school in the class of 1886.

Appointed a naval cadet on July 16, 1887, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy, on June 1, 1891, and for two years thereafter served as a midshipman on the United States steamer Atlanta, one of the cruisers of the Squadron of Evolution, known throughout the country as the "White Squadron." During this cruise, the Atlanta visited the West Indies and South America, and cruised along the east coast of the United States, touching at most of the important ports between Maine and the straits of Magellan.

On July 1, 1893, having passed the final examinations for his class, with a good standing, he was commissioned a second







MAJOR DION WILLIAMS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.



lieutenant in the United States marine corps. The marine corps, which is an integral part of the navy, is the oldest branch of the government service, having been organized at Boston in 1775 pursuant to an act of the First Continental Congress. In every war in which the United States has taken part, the troops of the marine corps have taken part in the first engagement, and so well has the duty been performed that they have well won the title of the "Ever Faithful," and the official motto of the corps is "Semper Fidelis."

After receiving his first commission Lieutenant Williams was ordered to the Officers' School of Application, Washington D. C., graduating from that institution in June, 1894, at the head of his class. June 30, 1894, he was promoted to be a first lieutenant, and was ordered to the marine barracks at the navy yard, New York, where he served as adjutant of that marine battalion.

On February 20, 1895, he was married at New London, Conn., to Helen Mar Ames, only daughter of Col. Nathaniel H. and Elizabeth McDonald Ames. Colonel Ames was for years the colonel of the Third regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, and a leader among the military men of New England. Mrs. Williams' mother is a member of the noted McDonald and Crawford families of Scotland.

In October, 1895, Lieutenant Williams was transferred to the marine barracks at Mare Island Navy Yard, San Francisco Bay, California, where he served until September, 1897. During this time he studied law with especial reference to military procedure, and was appointed judge advocate of many important naval courts martial. In September, 1897, Lieutenant Williams was ordered to duty on the United States cruiser Baltimore, then flagship of the United States Pacific Squadron. The Baltimore proceeded to Honolulu, Hawaii, then an unstable republic, and remained there through the winter of 1897-98, protecting American interests. When the sinking of the Maine, in Havana harbor, made war with Spain inevitable, all the available naval ammunition on the west coast was rushed to Honolulu and loaded into the Baltimore, and she proceeded with all despatch to Hong Kong, where Commodore Dewey's United States Asiatic Squadron lay anxiously awaiting permission to sail for Manila. The Baltimore arrived just in time to transfer the ammunition to the other ships, don her war paint of sombre grey and sail with the squadron for Manila. In the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, Lieu-





tenant Williams, in charge of the forward 8-inch gun, of the Baltimore, fired the first shot from that ship, and he was officially commended for his conduct in the battle by Captain N. Mayo Dyer, the intrepid commander of the Baltimore, who had himself commanded a small ship on that famous "August day with Farragut" at Mobile Bay.

On May 2d, the Baltimore forced the surrender of the Spanish forts on Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay, and on May 3d, under direct orders of Commodore Dewey, Lieutenant Williams, in command of a company of marines and sailors from the Baltimore, landed and took charge of the Spanish Navy Yard and Arsenal at Cavite. This was the first landing of American troops on Spanish soil in the war, and Lieutenant Williams at once disposed his force to establish order and protect the innocent inhabitants, and then raised the Stars and Stripes over the captured arsenal, this being the first American flag raised on Spanish soil in the Spanish-American war. For his energetic and efficient work on this occasion Lieutenant Williams received the official commendation of Admiral Dewey, who since that date has been his highly valued friend. As a result of the Spanish-American war Lieutenant Williams was promoted to a captaincy on March 3, 1899. He served in the Philippines until May 1, 1900, serving on board the Baltimore, the battleship Oregon, and the flagship Olympia, and also on land with the army. During the Spanish war and the resultant Philippine insurrection, Captain Williams took part in some thirty engagements in various parts of the islands, and commanded the marines at the capture of Olongapo and at the capture of Vigan, in the latter affair retaking from Aguinaldo's army ninety American and Spanish prisoners. During the latter year of his service in the Philippines, Captain Williams held, in addition to his regular command, the position of assistant judge advocate general on the staff of the admiral commanding the fleet.

On May 1, 1900, Captain Williams was ordered to duty on the staff of Admiral John C. Watson, and sailed from Yokohama, Japan, on board the United States flagship Baltimore for New York, by way of China, the Malay Straits, India, the Suez and Europe, arriving in New York in October, 1900. He was immediately ordered to the marine barracks, Boston, Mass., where he served for two years, in charge of the United States Naval Prison, as military and technical instructor of a class of second lieutenants newly appointed from civil life, and for half



of the time as acting commanding officer of the post. For this duty Captain Williams was twice officially commended by Major General Charles Heywood, then commandant of the marine corps, in the annual reports of the Navy Department. From September, until December, 1902, Captain Williams commanded Company "A" of the marine battalion serving in Panama for the protection of the Panama railroad and foreign interests during a serious revolution. During this service Captain Williams was commended in orders by Admiral Casey, commander in chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, by Col. B. R. Russell, commanding the United States forces on the Isthmus, and by United States Consul-General Gudger, the latter commendation being transmitted to Congress by the State Department.

From Panama, Captain Williams was transferred to Culebra, West India Islands, and appointed adjutant of the First provisional regiment of marines engaged in fortifying that island. But this was to be a brief detail, as within two weeks he was selected to be fleet marine officer of the Atlantic battleship fleet, in command of the battalion of marines attached to the ships of the fleet. In this capacity he served until October, 1904, seeing service aboard the battleships Maine and Kearsarge, in the West Indies, South America and Europe. On this cruise he was presented to the late King Carlos of Portugal, and King George of Greece. In January, 1905, Captain Williams was selected as a member of the staff of instructors of the United States Naval War College, at Newport, R. I., where he delivered lectures on military subjects and prepared important papers for the country's naval war plans.

In February, 1905, he was promoted to be a major, and when the revolution of 1906 made American intervention necessary in Cuba, he commanded a battalion of marines, 450 strong, which were among the first landed in Cuba in September that year. Landing at Havana this battalion crossed Cuba to Cienfuegos and for one month kept peace and order in that important city. In October, 1906, General Franklin Bell, then chief of staff of the United States Army, detailed Major Williams to the staff of the Army of Cuban Pacification, and by orders of President Roosevelt he was temporarily transferred from the marine corps to duty with the army. For nearly a year Major Williams was first assistant to the chief engineer of the Army of Cuban Pacification, his principal duties being in charge of the field work of the military map of Cuba, which





was carried rapidly to a successful completion. For this work he received the official commendation of Major General Franklin Bell, Major General G. F. Elliot, then commandant of the marine corps, and Colonel Langfitt, the chief engineer of the Army of Cuban Pacification.

Major Williams was selected by the late Admiral Robley D. Evans, to be fleet marine officer of the Atlantic battle fleet for the famous cruise around the world in 1907-08-09, and in December, 1907, he joined the flagship Connecticut. All through that cruise of the battle fleet, Major Williams commanded the marine regiment of the fleet, 1,300 strong, which paraded on shore at San Diego and San Francisco, Cal.; Seattle and Bellingham, Washington State; Sydney, Melbourne and Albany, Australia; and at the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York in 1909, and on many occasions for drill. He was commended by Admiral R. D. Evans in an official letter to the Navy Department, for his efficient performance of duty during the cruise of the battle fleet from Hampton Roads, Va., to San Francisco, Cal., and also by Admiral Sperry, who commanded the cruise of the fleet from San Francisco, via the Suez to New York. Major Williams was also chief intelligence officer of the fleet, and in October, 1909, was detailed to duty in the office of naval intelligence of the Navy Department, at Washington, D. C., where he remained until March 15, 1913, when he was ordered to Peking, China, as commandant of the American Legation Guard, which consists of 350 men, comprising infantry and artillery and a mounted section, and is a very important foreign post of our armed forces.

Major Williams wears the following government medals: Congressional medal commemorating the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, the Spanish war medal, the West India campaign medal, the Philippine insurrection medal and the Cuban pacification medal. He has taken a constant interest in rifle firing and marksmanship and wears the government silver sharpshooter's badge.

Major Williams has devoted considerable attention to literary pursuits, and has written several books on subjects pertaining to the naval profession, among them being "Naval Reconnaissance," a manual of instruction for the reconnaissance and survey of harbors and surrounding country; "The Port Directory," containing valuable information concerning all the principal ports of the world; "The Uniform Regulations, United States Marine Corps," and many articles for the



press, the magazines, and the service journals. In the cruise of the battle fleet around the world, by special authority of the Secretary of the Navy, he acted as special correspondent for the "New York Times" and the "London Daily Mail."

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### DR. C. A. BENNETT.

Dr. C. A. Bennett, a well known physician and surgeon, whose home and office are at Withamsville, Clermont county, Ohio, was born in the village where he now resides. He is a son of Dr. Elisha and Hannah (Smith) Bennett, who were also natives of Withamsville. In the '50s the former served two terms as a member of the Ohio legislature.

Dr. Bennett grew to manhood in this vicinity, attending the district schools until he entered the high school at Mt. Washington, which he attended for two terms. When he was about nineteen years of age, he and an older brother conducted a store at Withamsville, continuing for several years in this occupation. In September, 1873, Dr. C. A. Bennett was married to Miss Louisa Whitaker, of Withamsville. This union was blessed with one child, Lela Irene, who married Rev. Asa Kestle. They are the parents of two children, James Allen and Lois Winifred, and reside in Lebanon, Ohio.

When about twenty-five years of age, Dr. Bennett began to read medicine with his father, later attending the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1878. He began the practice of medicine with his father, who was a prominent physician of the county for nearly fifty years, and has followed his profession in this vicinity continuously to the present time.

The second marriage of Dr. Bennett took place in 1882 to Miss Sarah Laidley, who was born at Jeffersonville, Ind. They are the parents of one child, who died in infancy.

Mr. Bennett owns a farm of twenty-three and one-half acres, which came to him from his father. Politically, he is a Democrat and fraternally holds membership with the Free and Accepted Masons at Withamsville, having joined J. B. Covert Lodge, No. 437, in 1875. The lodge building was burned several years later and the lodge has since been located at Tobasco. Dr. Bennett has served in the various offices in the lodge. In addition he is a member of the order of United American Mechanics.





During the years he has spent in the village of Withamsville, Dr. Bennett has made many friends, both professionally and socially, and has the warm regard of the entire community.

### GEORGE G. JONES.

Mr. George G. Jones is known throughout the manufacturing circles of Clermont county, Ohio, as a man of unquestioned integrity and sound business judgment, combined with a never failing courtesy to all with whom he is called upon to meet. The present prosperous condition of the Jones Heel Manufacturing Company, of which he is president and active general manager, is largely due to his energetic efforts.

Mr. Jones is not a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Fishing Creek, Pa., on December 5, 1872. He is a son of Francis W. and Monema (Gregory) Jones, the former of whom was a miller of Fishing Creek, Pa.

George G. Jones was reared and educated at Fishing Creek, until he was about eighteen years of age, when he entered the Valparaiso University, in the class of 1892, and was graduated from the scientific department with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered upon the study of civil engineering, which he followed for a short period.

The real business career of the subject of this review began at Orangeville, Pa., in 1894, when he entered into a partnership for the manufacture of shoe heels. In this venture he met with a reasonable success until in 1903, when he was visited by an unfortunate fire, which carried away his entire business. He was only partially reimbursed by insurance, but with his accustomed optimism did not allow his misfortune to master him, for in 1905 he was again in business.

Mr. George G. Jones was married in New York City, on December 4, 1897, to Miss Ruby Jean DeLong, of Orangeville, Pa., where she was born and received her education. She is a daughter of Jerome B. and Flora (Golder) DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children:

Mabel Jeannette was born at Orangeville, Pa., May 20, 1902.

Rebecca Jean was born at Orangeville, Pa., December 30, 1903.

Frances Louise was born at Batavia, Ohio, December 22, 1905.

George G., Jr., was born at Batavia, Ohio, February 7, 1911.



In political views, Mr. Jones is a Republican, but is not an office seeker, preferring rather the quiet and peace of the private citizen. His first ballot was cast for President McKinley.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his former home he was a teacher of the normal class in Sunday school. In 1907 he became a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Batavia, of which he has served as senior warden and has taken the royal arch degree.

Although he has been in Clermont county but seven years, Mr. Jones has made himself a leading figure in the affairs of the county, and the town in which he is making his home.

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FRANK L. COOK.

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Frank L. Cook is a member of an old Ohio family and was the cashier of the Milford National Bank, which position he held for eighteen years. He was born at Lebanon, Ohio, September 18, 1859, and is a son of James and Mary E. (Jameson) Cook, the former a farmer living near Morrow, Ohio.

The boyhood days of Frank L. Cook were spent on the farm, where he attended the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years he passed the teacher's examination, although he never used his certificate. He engaged on a farm for nine months at eighteen dollars per month and board, which he considered better remuneration than the salary of a teacher. At the end of nine months he accepted a position with Mr. John A. Jameson, at South Lebanon, who was the agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railway Company. Here he did general work around the station and learned telegraphy in spare time. He was in this apprenticeship for two years, after which he became night operator at Foster, Ohio, and served in this capacity for eighteen months, when he was promoted to assistant agent and baggage master at Morrow, Ohio.

On the 22d of November, 1881, he was married to Miss Emma B. Greely, the ceremony taking place at Morrow. She was born near Maineville, Ohio, a daughter of Boardman and Elmira (Fouche) Greely. Two years later Mr. Cook removed to Milford, where he had been engaged as agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.





He held this position until in 1893, when he resigned to accept a position with the Union Central Life Insurance Company, in the actuary department, at the time when Mr. John Pattison was president. The following January he accepted the position of cashier of the Milford National Bank and served in that capacity continuously until July 19, 1912, when he became vice-president of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati, after it was reorganized.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been born seven children:

Lillie D., a graduate of the Milford High School.

Leonard E., a graduate of the Milford High School and of the Mueller School of Business, of Cincinnati. He died at the age of twenty-one years.

Howard B., a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, co-operative class of June, 1912, and is assistant chief engineer of Brownell Company, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mary, who after graduating from the high school of Milford, was for two years a student of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, in the fall of 1912 entered the Cincinnati Missionary Training School.

Ruth is taking a course in domestic science at Miami University, Oxford, after graduating at the Milford High School.

Charles Wesley and Esther are students of the Milford High School, class of 1914.

Mr. Cook cast his first Presidential ballot for James A. Garfield, being a Republican in politics, until recently he became an advocate of the principles of the Progressive party. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cook became members of the Methodist church, of which he has served in the capacity of trustee, treasurer and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is an enthusiastic worker in the church and is widely and favorably known as a representative of one of the oldest of Ohio families. His district conference sent him as a delegate to the general conference at Minneapolis in 1912, and both he and his wife are people of genuine worth and have many friends in this part of the State.

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#### H. H. HILL.

Among the self-made of this generation Mr. H. H. Hill is one of those keenly alive to all of the possibilities opening before him, industrious and upright in character, and although



still a young man in years, he has achieved remarkable success. Mr. Hill is a member of the Hay and Grain Company, of Milford, Ohio, buyers and shippers of hay and grain, handling in addition the best grade of farm implements.

Mr. Hill was born at Cincinnati, June 24, 1872, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Wilde) Hill, residents of Withamsville, Ohio, who conducted a grocery at Cincinnati for many years. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Cincinnati and at the age of nine years began assisting his parents by selling the "Evening Telegram." He continued in the newspaper business for two years, turning his earnings over to his parents, and when fourteen years old left school, after which he entered the employ of Mr. Prescott Smith, a lawyer of Cincinnati, as office boy. He remained in this position but a short time, leaving to accept a position with Granger & Hunt, leading lawyers, and continued there for two years. During his engagement with this law firm he took up the study of shorthand and typewriting, which he learned without a teacher. In 1889, Mr. Hill engaged with the firm of Orr & Granger, grain dealers, as stenographer, and in this office learned the grain business. He was in the employ of Mr. Granger for fourteen years, and while managing a grain elevator at Dayton, Ind., he met and married Miss Della Thomson. Mrs. Hill was born at Dayton, Ind., January 3, 1875, and is a daughter of A. J. and Annie (Casner) Thomson. In 1893, Mr. Hill embarked in the grain business for himself in Cincinnati, and for a time the family resided at that place, coming to Milford in 1905, from which place he still conducted his business in Cincinnati. Since 1909 he has been in the grain business in Milford.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hill are three children:

Forrest, who was born at Dayton, Ind., is a graduate of the Milford High School and has attended the Ohio State University for one year.

Esther was also born at Dayton and is a graduate of the Milford High School.

Elizabeth was born at Cincinnati.

Evelyn died in infancy.

In political views Mr. Hill favors the principles of the Republican party and cast his first Presidential vote for William McKinley, in 1896. He has filled the office of mayor by appointment, and was elected to that office for a two-years' term.





Mr. Hill holds membership in the Free and Accepted Masons of Milford, having become a member first in the Hoffner lodge at Cincinnati. He is serving his second term as high priest in the Milford Chapter. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Clermont Lodge No. 49, and is right supporter to the vice-noble grand and has served as left supporter to the noble grand. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Eastern Star, of which the latter has been worthy matron and the former worthy patron. In religious matters they are believers of the Universalist faith and are active in the church affairs of that organization.

Mr. H. H. Hill began his business life with no capital, but a strong heart and a clear brain, and by his genial manner, unfaltering courtesy and deference for the opinions of others, he has not only made himself popular in a social way, but has made many business friends.

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### GEORGE McCAMMON.

Mr. George McCammon, now living retired at Milford, Ohio, after an active and honorable connection with the farming interests and business affairs of this vicinity, was born at San Francisco, Cal., August 14, 1860.

The family was originally from the north of Ireland, the grandfather having emigrated to America when a young lad. He settled at Cincinnati when that city consisted of some half-dozen houses. He became a contractor and shipbuilder and amassed a large fortune by reason of his industry and keen management. He married Miss Ellen McGinnis, and one of their children, William McCammon, who was born at Cincinnati, learned the saddlery and hardware business at that place, and later he engaged in business on his own account. Subsequently he removed to San Francisco and conducted a hardware store for about fifteen years. At Sacramento, Cal., on the 14th of August, 1856, was celebrated the marriage of William McCammon and Miss Mary Ann Burke, of New Orleans, and to their union were born four sons, two of whom died in childhood. The other sons, George and William P., came with their parents to Ohio, in 1864, settling on a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Warren county,



not far from Hopkinsville. The parents lived on this farm for twenty-four years and in 1888 returned to Cincinnati, where the father engaged in the real estate business until his death, May 26, 1909. His widow has since resided at 406 Broadway, Cincinnati, keeping up the home where for twenty-one years she and her husband spent many pleasant hours.

George McCammon grew to young manhood on the farm, receiving a good schooling and practical experience. While paying a visit to his mother's people at New Orleans he became acquainted with Miss Anna McCann, whom he afterward married. They are the parents of the following children: George R., William H. and John A. McCammon.

George R., who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 25, 1892, was a student of the public school and later attended Miller's Business College. He was married at Newport, Ky., October 14, 1911, to Miss Mabel E. Prather, who was a native of Clermont county. They have one child, named Viola Marie McCammon, born July 13, 1912.

William H. was born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, March 27, 1893.

John A. was born at Milford, Ohio, November 15, 1894.

Mr. William P. McCammon, brother to our subject, is the enterprising editor of the Milford Record.

In political views Mr. George McCammon was reared a Republican, although he has never accepted office. He is a Catholic in religious faith and has reared his children in the same faith. Mr. McCammon is a good citizen, a loyal friend and a splendid neighbor. His kindly manner and friendly disposition have made for him lifelong friends.

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#### WILLIAM J. LOCKWOOD.

William J. Lockwood, one of the leading and substantial business men of Milford, Ohio, is the junior member of the Milford Hardware Company, whose place of business is located on Main street. Mr. Lockwood was born on Betts street, Cincinnati, May 3, 1860, and is a son of Augustus and Anna (Lightner) Lockwood, of whom the former was a leather dealer.

William Lockwood attended school until about the age of fourteen years, when he became an apprentice in a plumbing





establishment, receiving three dollars per week for the first year, which was raised to seven dollars per week for the second year, and at the end of the fourth year he was earning eighteen dollars per week and was considered a journeyman. He held a position with one man for seven years, after which he embarked upon the plumbing business for himself on Western avenue, where he continued for six years.

The marriage of Mr. Lockwood to Miss Anna Louisa Denier was celebrated August 27, 1884, at Cincinnati, where Miss Denier was reared. They became the parents of five children:

Amelia, who was born at Cincinnati, is the wife of George Mölitor, and resides in Miami township and has five sons.

Clara was born in Cincinnati, became the wife of Frank Farson, of Cincinnati. They have one child.

Edwin A. was born in Miami township, married Abbie Kilinger, and they are residents of Cincinnati, where he is an engineer.

Ada, who was born in Miami township, is at home.

James is also at home.

In 1891 Mr. Lockwood removed with his family to Miami township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and two acres, near Mt. Repose, following the occupation of farming continuously until in 1904, when he entered into partnership with A. W. Dietrich in the business in which he is now engaged. The company enjoys a liberal patronage and has one of the most complete stores of the kind in the county.

In political views, Mr. Lockwood favors the Democratic party, but in no sense a politician. He was elected a member of the council in the spring of 1912.

He is a useful citizen, an honest, upright business man and a loyal friend and neighbor. He is interested in his home town and is active in all public affairs.

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### JACOB WOLFER.

The German element is an important one in our American citizenship. The sons of Germany have come to the new country, and have readily adapted themselves to the conditions in the new world, manifesting habits of industry and perseverance that is ever characteristic of the race. To this class of



citizens belongs Mr. Jacob Wolfer, the prosperous proprietor of one of the first class meat markets of Milford, located on Main street.

Mr. Wolfer was born at Wirtemberg, Germany, March 30, 1836, and is a son of John and Christina (Walz) Wolfer. The father was a highly educated man, and held many government offices, including county surveyor, treasurer and other important offices.

Jacob Wolfer attended school until he was fourteen years of age, studying German, Latin and French. When fourteen years of age, Jacob became an apprentice in a butcher shop, and later traveled from place to place working at his trade. When he had reached the age of seventeen, he and a younger brother, John C., but fourteen, set out for America, arriving in New York after a storm tossed voyage, in which masts were lost and there was great danger of ship wreck. At once upon their arrival in New York, our subject engaged in a shop, working at his trade, while his brother found employment in a grocery. The brothers had studied English on the way over so they learned the language very rapidly. After a year spent in New York, the brothers came west as far as Philadelphia, where the younger brother learned the wagon maker's trade and Jacob worked at the butcher business. There they spent three years, coming to Warren county, Ohio, about 1857 or 1858, and settling at Morrow.

Mr. Jacob Wolfer was married to Barbara Soth at Morrow, May 20, 1860. Miss Soth was born at Baden, Germany, and is a daughter of David and Barbara (Pfirmer) Soth, who came to America when she was about fourteen years of age, and settled on a farm near Pleasant Plain, Warren county, Ohio, in 1860.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfer have been born four children:

William Frederick is not yet married and is at home.

Emma Wilhelmina, was among those of the first class to graduate from the Milford High School. She also took a course in kindergarten work at Cincinnati, where she is now teaching.

Charles Jacob, died about the age of thirty-four years, leaving a wife, but no children.

Edgar David is married and has one child. He is an assistant in his father's market.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wolfer located in





Milford and in 1863 engaged in the business which has grown to substantial proportions. Everything in the market is first class, consequently gives entire satisfaction.

Mr. Wolfer is a Democrat and has served for several years as councilman of Milford. In 1868, he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, filling all the chairs and representing his local lodge at the grand lodge, being deputy grand patriarch.

Although both Mr. Wolfer and his wife were reared in the Lutheran church they have since maturity embraced the faith of the Methodist church, being active workers in all worthy affairs. They are both pleasant people to meet and show great attachment for the home and family, also being interested in the development of their town and the surrounding country along progressive lines as well. They are greatly respected and enjoy the hearty friendship of their townspeople.

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### JOHN G. ERION.

John G. Erion is well and favorably known in this section of the country and as the superintendent of the Milford Water Works, and as a first class engineer, whose home is on the corner of Council and Beach streets. He was born at Foster's Landing, Bracken county, Kentucky, November 14, 1854, his parents being George and Ann (Neable) Erion.

George Erion was born and partly reared at Wiltemberg, Germany, where he learned the stone mason's trade, and at the age of sixteen years settled in Clermont county, where he married a playmate of his childhood, who was also a native of Wiltemberg, Germany, and came to America when she was eighteen, with her parents. They settled on the Judge Norris farm near Williamsburg, and resided there for about seven years, and for one year lived near Camp Dennison, moving to the Griffith farm near Batavia, remaining there three years. Their next move was to Spencer county, Indiana, where they purchased a farm and there they spent their declining years.

In 1871, John G. Erion entered a machine shop as an apprentice, receiving for the first year, three dollars per week, the second year he was advanced to five dollars per week, the third year his wages were again raised to twelve dollars. He spent three years and eight months in this shop, and when he



left was drawing eighteen dollars per week. During the time he was learning his trade, the father died and his brother, Christian, operated the farm for one year, when he passed away, which made it necessary for John to return home to look after the farm and his mother. In a short time he and his mother sold the farm and returned to Clermont county in 1878, purchasing a small home at Batavia, where, July 10, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walker, of Madisonville, Ohio, who is a daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Matz) Walker.

In 1879, Mr. Erion went into the grocery business and for seven years he was very successful. He sold out in 1886 to engage in the threshing business, which he conducted several years, and also had a saw mill, and at the end of ten years he found himself swamped. He then hired out to run an engine and to do whatever he could find to do. He became engineer of the Batavia Electric Light & Water Works and held that position more than three years, resigning to accept his present position, moving his family to Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Erion became the parents of twelve children, of whom seven are living:

Anna, died at the age of six years.

William, died when two years of age.

Christian H. B., is a graduate of two schools of correspondence, and is the present chief engineer of the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth Railway Power Plant, at Highland Park. He married Miss Ola Bryant, of Williamsburg, and they have had six children, four still living.

Mary, married Charles Williams and resides at 1535 Jones street, Cincinnati. They are the parents of two children.

Dora, married Charles Herman, who is chief gardener at Rest Home, at Wyoming, Ohio.

Albert, is an electrician at Cincinnati.

Frank died in infancy.

Raymond, at home, is studying electrical and steam engineering.

Wright is a student in the high school at Milford.

Bessie R., at home.

James and Julius died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Erion was reared a Democrat, although he is independent in his views. He cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876 and was twice elected assessor of Batavia township. He is a Mason and has filled all the





chairs in his local lodge, his membership being at Batavia. Mr. Erion and his family are members of the German United Brethren church of Batavia, and are liberal in their support of all worthy enterprises.

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### JOHN B. WINSPEAR.

The character of a community is always judged by its representative citizens and to this class Mr. John B. Winspear belongs. He is a prominent and enterprising man of affairs in Clermont county, Ohio, where he has made his home since 1876.

John B. Winspear was born at Ashland, Ky., June 17, 1873, and came to Clermont county, Ohio, with his parents, Wheelock and Ellen (Rowe) Winspear, who previously settled in Pierce township in 1858. Wheelock was, however, engaged in business for some two years, 1872-74, in Ashland, Ky.

Wheelock Winspear is a native of New York, his birth having occurred at Buffalo. He is a son of John and Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear, the latter of whom was born in England. John Winspear was a tailor by trade, but followed the occupation of farming after his settlement in America, and passed away in Clermont county, in 1877, in his sixty-ninth year. Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1817, and died July 9, 1892. They were both members of the Christian church. To their union were born three sons and two daughters:

James H., who was a lawyer by profession, died in Omaha, Neb. He was prominent in politics, having served his party in the State senate of Nebraska.

Kate, who is the wife of Dr. Joseph T. Ricker, of Mt. Carmel, Ohio.

Wheelock, who is the father of the subject of this sketch, is retired from active labors and is a resident of Lindale, Ohio.

George, who was formerly a farmer near Buffalo, N. Y., where he now resides, is also retired from active life.

Maria, married J. W. Moss, a druggist of New Richmond, Ohio.

John, is in the real estate business in Cincinnati.

Ellen (Rowe) Winspear was born in London, England, and came with her parents to America when she was fourteen years of age, the family settling in the vicinity of Cincinnati. Three





J. B. WINSPEAR





brothers served in the Federal army, two of whom were lost on the Magnolia, and one died in Andersonville prison. One brother is still living, and is a resident of Princeton, Ind.

John B. Winspear has one brother and four sisters:

Wheelock, Jr., a farmer and dairyman of Pierce township, this county.

Minnie, the wife of Clifford White, of New Richmond, Ohio.

Nellie, married Elton Montjar, who is in partnership with her brother, Wheelock Winspear, in the dairy business.

Marie, is Mrs. Wiley Riffle, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Catherine, makes her home with her father at Lindale, Ohio. She has for several years taught at Middletown, Ohio, and is now teaching at Norwood, Ohio.

John B. Winspear acquired his education in the school at Mt. Carmel, from which he graduated. Following his graduation, in 1891, he taught in the schools of Clermont county for thirteen years, the last two at Point Pleasant, his present home.

On December 27, 1899, occurred the great event of his life, when he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Armacost, a daughter of Ephraim and Martha (Cooper) Armacost, the latter born in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1839, and died February 20, 1913, a daughter of John Cooper, also born near Point Pleasant, a merchant and postmaster of that place over forty years, his death occurring in 1899. His father, James Cooper, was a resident of Monroe township for many years, and was born in Ireland, coming here as a young man. He was a farmer by business and farmed near Clermontville, where he met with great success. He passed away at Jeffersonville, Ind., where he is buried, and where he spent the latter years of his life. Ephraim Armacost was born in Monroe township, 1841, and died in 1893, being buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery. He was a boat owner and operated on the Ohio river. He was a son of John Armacost, a pioneer settler of Clermont county.

Mrs. Winspear has two brothers:

Robert, of Greenville, Mich., is in the commission business. He married Miss Edith Wells.

Ernest, of Point Pleasant, married Miss May Shaw, a daughter of the late Jonathan Shaw.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winspear have been born two children, and their family circle is as yet unbroken by the hand of death. They are:



Gertrude Elizabeth.

Edith May.

In political matters, Mr. Winspear favors the Republican party, and has served as township clerk of Monroe township for the past seven years. He has been postmaster of Point Pleasant, since commissioned, July 27, 1908.

Socially, he holds membership in the Masonic lodge of Tobasco, the Knights of Pythias, of Milford, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics of Moscow. The religious faith of both Mr. and Mrs. Winspear is demonstrated by their membership in the Methodist church at Point Pleasant.

Since 1904, Mr. Winspear has devoted his time to the store which Mrs. Winspear started the year previous, while he was employed in the profession of teaching. In addition to the general merchandise business Mr. Winspear is a large manufacturer of elm blocks for wagon and carriage hubs, employing from twenty-five to thirty men and putting out from two hundred thousand to three hundred thousand blocks annually, which he supplies to the various manufacturers. He has ample warehouses, in which the blocks are stored and seasoned.

It was due to his initiative and management, incurring the expense of freight, that the fine fourteen-foot cannon was shipped from Philadelphia and installed in the street on Big Indian creek, directly in front of the site where General Grant was born. The cannon was dedicated October 2, 1907, at the time of the "Home Coming" celebration, attended by nearly ten thousand people, including the late Gen. Fred D. Grant, the late Lieut.-Gen. Henry S. Corbin, U. S. A., the retired Governor Harris, of Ohio, Congressman Nicholas Longworth and many other notable men and citizens. The inscription on the cannon, in large raised type, is as follows:

Ulysses Simpson Grant, Lieutenant-General United States Army, and twice elected President of the United States, was born on April 27, of the year 1822, in a home located on this spot.

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### GEORGE WILLIAM GATCH.

Mr. George William Gatch, one of the native sons of Clermont county, who has sought occupation in other fields, is a mail carrier of Cincinnati, residing on Cleveland avenue, Mil-



ford, Ohio. He is a son of Rev. George Gatch and was born on the old Gatch farm, near Milford, Ohio, November 6, 1842. He is also a grandson of the Rev. Philip Gatch, whose life record appears in these volumes.

The children of the Rev. Philip Gatch were:

Precosia, whose first marriage was to Mr. Garland. She was again married to a Mr. Osburn.

Conduce, married Peggy McGrew.

Thomas, married first, Miss Barber, and second, Miss Lucinda McCormick.

George, married Sarah Jones.

Ruth, married Michael Swing, and a son of theirs, Philip B., became United States district judge.

Elizabeth, became the wife of Aaron Matson.

Philip, first married Miss Dimmitt, and second Miss Susan Ulrey.

George Gatch, the father of our subject, was born on a farm near Fredericksburg, Va., and was two years of age when his father, the Rev. Philip Gatch, came to Ohio, making the trip from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati on a flat boat. He was reared and educated in the schools of Clermont county, where the family finally located, and when quite young began his life in the ministry as a circuit rider. He married Miss Sarah Jones and settled on the "Old Gatch Farm," becoming a local preacher. He was the father of the following children:

John Jones, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Asbury Phillip, married Etta Hopper, and died in 1911, leaving two children. He was a captain in the Ninth Ohio cavalry during the late rebellion, and served until the close of the war, going with General Sherman to the sea.

Rachel, passed from this life at the age of twenty-two years.

Elizabeth, died in early life.

Virginia, married Charles J. Buckingham, and died in 1868, at the age of thirty-five years.

Precosia, passed away in early life.

George William, the subject of this mention.

Mahala, married Charles J. Buchingham, and died when a young woman, leaving two children.

Samuel, married Lillian Wiggs. They live in Los Angeles, Cal., and have one child.

George William Gatch grew to young manhood on the home farm and received a good common school education, learning the details of farm life. November 30, 1871, he was united in





marriage to Mary E. Boyer, of Milford, who is a daughter of Thomas Wallace and Eunice (Condit) Boyer. They have had two children born to their union:

Fannie B. is at home.

George W., married Miss Emma Vogt, and is a farmer of Montana. They have two sons, George Albert and Wallace B.

From the "Old Gatch Farm," George William inherited one hundred and sixty-six acres on which was the house built by his grandfather, Rev. Philip Gatch, and was the first frame building in this part of the country. It was used as a meeting place for the Methodists believers and sheltered many of the circuit riders of that day. In 1885, Mr. Gatch sold all of this farm with the exception of forty-six acres surrounding the home, and in the same year received an appointment as carrier of the mail in Cincinnati, and is still in the service.

Mr. Gatch was reared a Republican, but has taken no active part in politics. He and his charming wife are active members of the Methodist church of which Mrs. Gatch has taught in the Sunday school for many years, and has been most successful in this line of church work, she being popular with the young people. In 1867, Mr. Gatch became a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Milford, Ohio, and has filled all the chairs of his local lodge. In the latter years of the late war he joined the army, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was in the service of his country until the close of the war. the librarian.

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#### ABRAM BROWER.

One of the best and favorably known citizens of Milford, Ohio, who for years has been identified with the business affairs of Clermont county, belongs to one of the pioneer families of the county and is now retired from active life. His home is on Mound street, where he is spending his declining years.

Mr. Brower was born at Montgomery, Hamilton county, Ohio, April 3, 1838, and is a son of Charles H. and Anna B. (Branch) Brower, the former of whom was born at Brunswick, New Jersey, February 22, 1812. He came with his parents, Dr. Abram and Elizabeth (Stoutenburg) Brower to Ohio, when they were quite young. The journey was made from Bruns-



wick to Pittsburgh by teams, and from there to Cincinnati by flat boat, soon after settling at Montgomery, Ohio, where Abram became a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He later moved to Lawrenceburg, Dearborn county, where he was very active in church work, and his demise occurred at Lawrenceburg, at a ripe old age of eighty-six years.

Charles H. Brower, the father of our subject, grew to manhood on the home farm at Montgomery and there married the daughter of Joseph Branch, a native of Western New York, who purchased six hundred acres of land in Clermont county in the early days. While a new house was being erected on the home farm, the Branch family lived at Montgomery, and there the marriage of our subject's parents took place. The father of Mrs. Brower, Joseph Branch, died of that dread disease, cholera, and "Branch Hill" is named for him. They remained at Montgomery until 1838, when they removed to Branch Hill, where the mother had inherited a portion of the Branch estate.

Abram Brower remained at the home farm of his parents at Branch Hill until he reached the age of twenty-three years, receiving a good common school education and good practical experience in the business of agriculture. His first venture in the business world was in the employ of W. W. Glenn & Company, wholesale grocers. He was thus occupied about one year, when he resigned from this company to accept a position with W. W. Hanley, wholesale grocer, and was with this company two years.

In 1861, Mr. Brower enlisted in the One Hundred Day Service, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and although his regiment was ordered at once to the front at Petersburg, they went into quarters at Baltimore, and was mustered out at Camp Denison.

Mr. Abraham Brower was married at Branch Hill, to Miss Anna M. Armstrong, on February 12, 1868. She was a daughter of A. E. and Priscilla (Skillinger) Armstrong, and was born at Cincinnati, where she received a splendid education for her day. Soon after their marriage they moved to a farm in Warren county, Ohio, where they carried on general farming for four years. About the year of 1873, Mr. Brower purchased a farm at Mt. Repose, Clermont county, Ohio, residing there for about six years, after which they lived at Branch Hill for a period of three years, moving to Milford in 1881. He then entered the employ of the Russell & Morgan Printing





Company, of Cincinnati, remaining in that establishment for six years, which was his last active position.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brower have been born three children:

William W., whose home is in Milford, Ohio.

Alice E. became the wife of F. D. Balshiser, resident of Milford, Ohio.

Arthur Howard is in the office of the Adams Express Company at Cincinnati.

Mr. Brower was reared a Republican, but by his study of the political questions of the day he became a Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for Steven A. Douglas. He has served at different times as township trustee and has attended the various conventions as a delegate. He has filled the various chairs of the Knights of Pythias organization, of which he has been a member for many years, representing his local lodge at the grand lodge a number of times. He is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, serving as adjutant of the post for several years. He has attended the reunions at Columbus, Ohio, and a number in Indiana. He is by birthright a Presbyterian, having membership at Milford, Ohio, and has served as trustee and as elder.

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### HARRY S. STEVENSON.

Mr. Harry S. Stevenson is one of the prominent attorneys of Clermont county, practicing in State and Federal courts, chiefly at Cincinnati. Mr. Stevenson is self made, having fought his way up from his early youth, occasioned by the loss of both his parents, and deserves much credit for his present enviable position in the professional circles of Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties.

John Stevenson, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland and a lieutenant in the Irish army. He came to America as a refugee, leaving Ireland on the day Robert Emmett was hanged, settling in Adams county, Ohio. He had twelve sons, who became prominent men of affairs in southern Ohio.

Harry S. Stevenson was born in Adams county, Ohio, near Manchester, June 20, 1866, and his parents were David and Elizabeth (Halbert) Stevenson, the former of whom was born



in Adams county, where he grew to maturity, becoming a farmer.

The education of Mr. H. S. Stevenson was acquired under difficult conditions. He was employed as a section hand, deck hand and farm laborer until he became of age, and he was forced to work his way through school. He walked to and from West Union for a teacher's examination, the distance being thirteen miles. He taught school for ten years. Mr. Stevenson graduated from the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, class of 1899, holding the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

At one time in his life the subject of this article was a minister of the Methodist church and would have made this his life work, but being too liberal in his views he thought best to give up that profession and to take up instead the profession of law.

On August 10, 1899, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage to Anna M. Dunlap. Miss Dunlap was born and reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry B. and Mary E. (Crawford) Dunlap. She was a teacher in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' School at Chester Springs, Pa., holding one position continuously ten years, and while attending the normal school at Lebanon met Mr. Stevenson. She holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson is one son, David H., who was born at Lebanon, Ohio, December 24, 1900.

Mr. Stevenson graduated from the law school at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1901, and in 1903 moved with his family to Loveland, where he has resided ever since.

Although reared a Democrat, by his study of the political issues of the day Mr. Stevenson votes for Republican principles. He has served his party in various local offices and was nominated for prosecuting attorney of Clermont county in 1912. Fraternally, Mr. Stevenson is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Junior,

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of Mr. Stevenson because of the untiring energy and courage displayed in overcoming difficulties and obstacles in fulfilling his ambition to follow the profession that appealed to him. His loyalty to his friends is one of his most engaging qualities, and his character is beyond reproach. He has established a large clientele and his constant attention to business has made him a pronounced success.



## THOMAS H. FLINN.

Thomas H. Flinn, one of the successful and highly progressive young business men of Loveland, Ohio, is senior member of the well known firm of Flinn & Ertel, grocers, whose up-to-date and thoroughly equipped place of business is located at the corner of Broadway and Railway avenue, was born at Loveland, February 28, 1882, his parents being Stephen and Susan (Terrill) Flinn, still residents of this village.

Stephen Flinn, for the past twenty years watchman and flagman at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crossing at Loveland, during which time he has never been suspended nor has anyone been injured at this point, was born in county Meath, Ireland, near the city of Dublin, May 25, 1847, son of Thomas and Margaret (Melady) Flinn, who came to America in 1856, when Stephen was about nine years of age. The sailing vessel on which they took passage was nine weeks on the ocean and encountered a severe storm before landing at New Orleans. They came to Cincinnati, and on to Loveland. Thomas Flinn was a stonemason, and after a time entered the employ of the old Hillsboro railroad, building stone bridges, and later worked in Loveland and vicinity, finally becoming a contractor. Subsequently he purchased lots in Loveland, on which he erected houses, selling the properties to incoming residents. He lived to the age of seventy-four, while his widow survived him some fifteen or sixteen years. Both are buried at Milford.

Stephen Flinn received a fair common school education and worked on the farm in his youth, also starting in to learn the shoemaker's trade. During the Civil war, at the time of Kerby Smith's raid, he was called out and served for ninety days, receiving an honorable discharge, and afterwards spent nine months more in the Government service as a teamster. Shortly after the close of the war he entered the employ of the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, now the Baltimore & Ohio, working on the section for years, finally becoming a section foreman. His marriage to Miss Susan Terrill was solemnized at Loveland, she being a native of Perry county, Ohio. Their two children are: Thomas H., of this review, and Margaret, who is the wife of Charles Roush, of Norwood, Ohio.

Thomas H. Flinn graduated from the Loveland High





School in the class of 1901 and for one summer was employed as a book solicitor, in which he proved himself a success, incidentally receiving a training useful in after life. Was for a short time engaged as bookkeeper at King's Mills, in Warren county, Ohio, resigning to accept a position as assistant agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Loveland. One year later he resigned, and on February 28, 1903, formed the present partnership with Hon. Earl E. Ertel, the present representative from Clermont county to the Ohio Legislature. The business of this firm has been most satisfactory, having grown rapidly under their progressive management.

Mr. Flinn was married at Cincinnati, February 12, 1907, to Miss Nellie M. Daly, who was born, reared and educated in the Queen City, a daughter of Timothy and Mary (Linsky) Daly, residents of Cincinnati. Both are natives of Ireland, coming to America prior to their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn have two children: Roland Earl and Thomas Charles.

Although reared a Democrat, Mr. Flinn is a staunch Republican and cast his first Presidential ballot for Theodore Roosevelt in 1904. He was reared in the Catholic church, being confirmed at fourteen under Bishop Elder. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he served as clerk for three years and for six years as a member of the official board of the local camp.

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### STEWART HOPPING.

Among the younger business men of Loveland, Ohio, is numbered Mr. Stewart Hopping, who, although not long a resident of the county, is one of the substantial and energetic men of the village where he now resides. He is considered one of the best auctioneers in this section. He is a native of Greene county, Ohio, his birth taking place at Clifton on the 24th of August, 1881, his parents being David R. and Flora C. (Campbell) Hopping.

He grew to manhood in his native county, attending the public schools and graduating from the high school at Jamestown, in the class of 1900. His business life began when thirteen years of age, in the employ of a cider mill company, and at the age of eighteen engaged with a telephone company as trouble shooter, and for nine years he continued in this busi-



ness. He was made manager at Jamestown and held this position for twenty-eight months, after which he took up construction work in Ohio and Kentucky, becoming very proficient in all lines of the telephone business so that he could construct and operate a new line.

However, he tired of the telephone business, and concluded to fit himself for the auction business, and to this end took a regular course in auctioneering at Chicago, where he worked his way through the Jones National School of Auction, and graduated in 1909. In January, 1910, Mr. Hopping came to Loveland and on March 17, 1910, was united in marriage to Pearl Timmons, of Rensselaer, Ind., where she was born and reared. She is a daughter of Joseph and Ellen (Payne) Timmons.

In politics, Mr. Hopping votes the Republican ticket. He was reared in the United Presbyterian church and is a member of the church at Sycamore, and his wife was reared in the Methodist church, but both attend the Presbyterian church. As one of the reliable and honorable men of this section, Mr. Hopping commands the respect of all who know him, and his success in this locality is assured.

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### JAMES WESLEY McKIBBEN.

Mr. James Wesley McKibben, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is living retired from the active duties of life, in his home in Monroe township, between Clermontville and Point Pleasant, which consists of some four acres on the Ohio river. He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, March 5, 1842, and is a son of George and Emeline (Fisher) McKibben.

George McKibben was born along the Little Muskingum river in 1813 and died in Clermont county, May 9, 1895, at the age of eighty-two years. He came to this county as a young man and settled in Monroe township, where he conducted a wood yard. He served in the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving as a private for two years. He was a Republican and formerly a Whig. His father was Joseph McKibben, who was a native of Scotland, and came to America when quite young. He passed away on his farm on the Little Muskingum river.





George McKibben had several brothers and sisters, all of whom are deceased.

Emeline (Fisher) McKibben was born in Clermont county, in Washington township, in 1818, and died in September, 1902. She was a daughter of Peter Fisher and wife, whose parents were natives of Germany, and who came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. Peter was a son of Adam Fisher and a brother of the late David Fisher, formerly police judge and hotelman, of Cincinnati. Other brothers of Peter were ministers of the Christian church. Emeline (Fisher) McKibben had the following brothers and sisters, all now deceased except one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Corbin, residing in Monroe township:

David, Samuel and Ben, all resided at Moscow, Ohio.

Peter died at Covington, Ky., in 1912.

Mrs. Polly Tattman lived at Moscow, as did Mrs. Lovina Armacost.

James Wesley McKibben is the eldest living of nine children: David, James W., Mary, George, Frank, Albert, John, William Tell, Belle, Jane.

James W., the second child, was born and reared in Monroe township and with the exception of the years spent in service in the Civil war has always lived in the county. He enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, and later in Company K, One Hundred and Tenth regiment, Ohio volunteers, being three years in service. He was mustered out as sergeant of Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, at the close of the war. He received wounds near Winchester in the Shenandoah Valley, and has been more or less disabled since that time.

James W. McKibben was united in marriage, in January, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Keplinger, who was born in Crawford county, Illinois, October 7, 1848, a daughter of Noah and Mary (Watts) Keplinger, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Illinois. The education and early training of Mrs. McKibben was received in Illinois, where she resided until a short time prior to her marriage. She is the mother of eight children:

Charles is a resident of the South.

Walter, of Columbus, Ohio, is interested in a sanitarium at that place. He married Amelia Hoelcher and they have one son, J. Morton.

Viola, of Cincinnati.



Nina is a bookkeeper for the Citizens' Telephone Company, of Lawrenceville, Ill.

Watts is at home.

Robert, Clarence and Paul, all have passed away.

In politics, Mr. McKibben is a Progressive Republican and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and for all the Republican candidates. In fraternal organizations, his son, Walter, has membership with the Odd Fellows, of Columbus, and the Masonic lodge. James W. McKibben and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church, of Mt. Zion. They are people of integrity, intelligence and high moral standing.

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### WILLIAM O. ROBINSON.

William O. Robinson, the enterprising and energetic merchant and postmaster of Perintown, Ohio, was born in Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, March 20, 1862, his parents being Oliver and Laura A. (Lytle) Robinson.

The boyhood days of Mr. Robinson were spent on the farm and he was educated in the country schools of the county. He then taught school one term, after which he went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he attended school in the summer, but taught during the winter terms in the country schools. He kept this up for three years, having for a teacher, "Daddy" Holbrook." He continued teaching, later attending the summer school at Valparaiso, Ind., for two summers. By constant application to his work, Mr. Robinson earned a first class life certificate to teach, in which profession he was engaged for twenty-one years in Clermont county.

In 1904, Mr. William Robinson desiring a change of occupation became an employee of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, when Mr. John G. Pattison was its president, and at the time the latter was elected governor of Ohio. After spending three years in the insurance business Mr. Robinson came to Perintown, where he purchased a stock of merchandise and was appointed postmaster.

In 1864, when Mr. William O. Robinson was two years of age, his father died, leaving two children, our subject and a sister, Lillian. His mother married again and her second husband was James Hitch. To this union two children were born, Harriet and Frank. The stepfather being an invalid, it became



necessary for William to help in the support of the family when he was quite young, which he did by teaching.

Lillian and Harriet became teachers, the latter following the profession until her marriage to Monroe Wiseman, of Iron-ton, Ohio. She has two children, Franklin and Robert. The half-brother, Frank, is a graduate of the State University, and is city engineer of New York City.

The mother and step-father of Mr. Robinson are still living in Batavia, Ohio.

Mr. William Robinson is not only a staunch Democrat, but has been a delegate many times to the various conventions, and refused the office of county treasurer in 1912. He is a member of the Methodist church, and has for many years been a teacher of the Bible class. He is well known in the fraternal circles of the county and State, holding membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, and is past worshipful master, representing his lodge at the grand lodge for two years. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Amelia, No. 99, being past grand and representing his lodge for three years at grand lodge. He was district deputy for two years, installing officers all over the district, including Clermont and Brown counties.

Mr. Robinson is not only a self-made man, but he has been the main support of the family as they grew up, helping materially in educating those younger than himself. He yet contributes to the needs of his mother and step-father, and to any who are in need of assistance. He has been a great benefit to the young of his locality, is very well read, and is informed on all the subjects of education and political interest.

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### HORACE J. BECK.

In Mr. Horace J. Beck we find a splendid representative of the self-made man, a man who without any special pecuniary advantages has worked his way steadily upward in the commercial world. Mr. Beck was born in the house which is his present home, at Bethel, Ohio, July 9, 1837, his parents being John D. and Eliza (Edwards) Beck, the former a native of Ohio. He was a blacksmith at Bethel and died in 1861, aged fifty-two years. Eliza (Edwards) Beck was born in Essex county, New Jersey, and died in 1889, aged eighty-four years, and to this union were born ten children:





Timothy E. was a resident of near Bethel, Ohio, until his death.

William Gerard remained with his father in the shop until his death.

Caroline C. was the wife of Miller W. Fagely, of this county.

Horace J., our subject.

Marcus A. died at Bethel and was a blacksmith.

Samantha, deceased, was the wife of Reuben White.

Amos, deceased, was a farmer in Illinois.

John H. is a resident of Amelia, Ohio.

Moses died when a young man, at Bethel, Ohio

Edwin, passed away at Bethel, Ohio.

Horace J. Beck was educated in the schools of Bethel and assisted his father in the shop for a time, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of Sinks & Clare, at Bethel, and was thus employed for some thirteen years.

In 1880, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Winterrowd, who was born in Indiana in 1852, and is a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Hagerman) Winterrowd, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They were the parents of eight children, four still living:

Phoebe, Mrs. Beck.

Peter is operating the old home farm in Indiana.

Clara is the wife of George Muck, of Indiana.

Julia is Mrs. Charles Klein, of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Beck have had four children, all being born in the same home in which their father first saw the light of day. They are:

Estel, whose birth occurred in 1882, lives next door to his father in a substantial brick home. He is an employee in the shoe factory at Bethel, Ohio. He married Louise Reed and has one son.

Angie C. is the wife of Oliver House, a brickmason, of Cincinnati. Her birth took place in 1884.

Clara was born in 1886 and is Mrs. Allen Harris, living near Bethel, Ohio.

Florence was born in 1888 and lived but four months.

For the past fifteen years Mr. Beck has been engaged in the insurance business, representing the Phoenix Insurance Company of New York, with office in his home. He has a nice farm of eighty-seven acres near Bethel, which he has kept rented.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Beck are consistent



members of the Baptist church, of which he has for many years been a deacon, also superintendent of the Sunday school, until he was unable to attend to the duties of that office.

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### JOHN H. BECK.

John H. Beck, retired, residing in the village of Hamlet, Clermont county, Ohio, is a native of this county, born January 1, 1845, son of John D. and Eliza (Edwards) Beck. The father was a blacksmith at Bethel for years, being a son of Levi Beck, a veteran of the war of 1812. John D. Beck died March 29, 1861, while Mrs. Beck passed away June 12, 1889, she being the last representative of the Edwards family in this section. The Becks are of English descent.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Capt. John Edwards, was a Revolutionary soldier and lived and died in New Jersey. He was a warm personal friend of Gen. George Washington, who often dined at the Edwards home. A son, Timothy Edwards, accompanied by his wife, nee Martha Miller, came from New Jersey to Ohio very early in the nineteenth century, settling on the Miami river. Later removed to a farm near Bethel, in Clermont county.

John H. Beck is one of twelve children, of whom but one other is living, Horace Beck, of Bethel, Ohio. Mr. Beck received his schooling at Bethel and before coming of age enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, spending a year with the Army of the Cumberland. Returning to Bethel, he attended school for a time and then engaged in farming with one of his brothers. Was married, November 21, 1877, to Miss Alice S. Gardner, born December 16, 1851, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Eppert) Gardner, both natives of Clermont county.

The Gardners are of Welsh descent, while the Epperts are of Pennsylvania German extraction. Mrs. Beck's grandfather, Samuel Gardner, was born July 22, 1785, and died in 1879, aged ninety-four. He came to Ohio while the Indians were still plentiful, being on friendly terms and trading with them, also hunting a great deal. His parents, Nathan and Pattie Gardner, lived to be one hundred and three and one hundred and one, respectively. George Gardner was born near Mt. Pisgah, May 6, 1824, and died August 13, 1908, while his widow, who resides at the old home in Mt. Holly,





was born April 20, 1834. He enlisted, in November, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-second Indiana infantry, being discharged from hospital in 1862. A brother, Nathan G. Gardner, served in the army, also three brothers-in-law—Samuel Eppert, who died in Andersonville prison, Madison and Perry Eppert, besides several cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were members of the United Brethren church. Ten children were born to them, of whom six are living: Alice S., wife of our subject: Carthena, wife of Uriah Butler, residing at Mt. Pisgah, Clermont county; Martha, now Mrs. Lewis Furlong, of Newtown, Ohio; Laura, Mrs. Harmon Fagin, of Plymouth, Ill.; Edgar B., of Terre Haute, Ind.; and Elmer C., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. John H. Beck settled on a farm near Bethel, their home for twenty-four years. Then Mr. Beck purchased the pretty home at Hamlet, on the Ohio turnpike, where they have since resided. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Prohibitionist. He and Mrs. Beck are both members of the Baptist church, of Amelia, Ohio, of which Mr. Beck is now serving as a trustee. Their four children, all born in Clermont county, are living: Elsie V., born January 31, 1879, was married May 24, 1900, to J. Paris Goodbar, and they have one son, Paul Beck Goodbar, born September 4, 1908, and their home is in Dallas, Tex.; Gordon C., born June 20, 1881, a graduate of Bethel High School and of Dennison University, taught a year at Pin Hook, Clermont county and is engaged in real estate business at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ellsworth, born September 16, 1884, is an artist residing at Westerville, Ohio, having been with the Culver Art and Frame Company the past nine years—married Miss Lenore Jenkins, July 28, 1907, and they have one son, Marston Keith, born January 28, 1913; and Miss Ethel May, born May 16, 1887, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are enjoying their comfortable home, which is one widely known for its hospitality and pervading spirit of good cheer. They number their friends by the score.

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#### ALBERT W. FRANCIS, M. D.

Dr. Albert W. Francis, a prominent physician and surgeon of Ripley, Ohio, associated with Dr. Robert T. Prine, is not only eminent in his profession, but has been closely identi-



fied with the city's material development since 1889. Dr. Francis was born at Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, and is a son of Wilson W. and Hannah (Bower) Francis.

Wilson W. Francis was born at Ash Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, about 1823, and died in 1890. He was a son of Edward and Jane (Wilson) Francis, both of whom were natives of county Caven, Ireland, and who came to America about 1816, bringing several children with them and locating at Ash Ridge, Ohio, where they resided until their deaths. Wilson W. Francis was a farmer and a substantial citizen, who filled many offices of trust in the township and county. He gave his services to his country in her time of need, during the Civil war. He was a member and an elder of the Presbyterian church, of Russellville, for many years before his decease.

Hannah (Bower) Francis was born near Russellville, in Brown county, Ohio, in 1825, and died in 1892. She was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Smith) Bower, the latter born in Pennsylvania and the former was born in county Down, Ireland, and he came to America about 1799. He was a successful farmer and owned large property in the vicinity of Russellville, where they resided for the greater part of their lives. They were staunch members of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. A. W. Francis is the fifth of seven children, namely: Mrs. Eleanor Kendall, a widow, resides with Dr. Francis. Mrs. James Porter, who died at Russellville, Ohio, in 1888. William, a contractor and builder, of Wichita, Kan. He is married and has a family of two children.

Charles W., a painter and decorator, of Shreveport, La.

Dr. A. W.

Two others died in infancy.

Dr. Albert W. Francis received his early education in the Russellville schools and later at Lebanon, Ohio. He then taught school for six years in Brown county, after which he studied medicine with Dr. J. N. Salisbury, of Russellville, and then entered the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1889. He entered upon his professional career at once, associating with Dr. W. A. Dixon, of Ripley, and this connection continued for eleven years. Since 1899 Dr. Francis has been associated with Dr. R. T. Prine.

Dr. Francis is a man of progressive ideas and professional ability. He is vice-president of the Ripley National Bank



and president of the People's Building and Loan Association. For the past sixteen years he has served his towns people on the school board.

Fraternally, Dr. Francis is the high priest of Ripley Chapter No. 82 and is a member of Union Lodge No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Ripley Lodge No. 84, Knights of Pythias.

The religious connections of Dr. Francis are with the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Francis is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Ohio State Medical Society, and has just recently retired from the office of president of the Brown County Medical Society, having served in that capacity for a period of seven years. He has contributed articles and papers to the county and State societies.

Dr. Albert W. Francis is very highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, which fact is evidenced by the extensive practice he has obtained in this vicinity. Possessed of all the qualities which go to make a useful life, Dr. Francis has added the graces of culture and professional attainment, which have brought to him much personal affection.

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### ROBERT T. PRINE, M. D.

Dr. Robert Tomb Prine, of the firm of Francis & Prine, physicians and surgeons, who has been a resident of Ripley, Ohio, since 1899, is engaged in the general practice of his profession, in which he has attained unusual prominence. He is a native of Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, his birth having occurred October 13, 1875, his parents being Robert T. and Anna (Sutherland) Prine.

Robert T. Prine, Sr., was born in Flemingsburg, Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1835, a son of Henry Prine, who located at Russellville, Ohio, before the Civil war, and there conducted a hotel for many years. Robert T. Prine, Sr., was for twenty years engaged in the banking business at Ripley, being associated in the First National Bank, now the Ripley National Bank. His death took place in 1882.

Anna (Sutherland) Prine, a native of Brown county, Ohio, died in 1905 at the age of nearly sixty-two years. She was a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (McConaughy) Sutherland, both





of whom came to Brown county when young. Mrs. Prine was a devout member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Robert T. Prine is an only child and was reared in Ripley, where he attended the public school and graduated therefrom. After completing his preliminary education he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, graduating in the class of 1897. He then practiced his profession near Cincinnati until 1899, when he located in Ripley, and the present partnership was formed.

Dr. Prine chose for his life companion Miss Bessie Garoutte, a native of Eaton, Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. C. W. and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Garoutte, the former a minister of the Christian church, of Ripley, Dayton, and elsewhere. Mrs. Garoutte was a sister of Dr. S. B. Sheldon, of Five-Mile, Ohio. Both Rev. and Mrs. Garoutte are deceased.

Politically, Dr. Prine is a staunch Republican and has served as councilman, and is at present a trustee of the water works committee. He was also candidate for State representative.

Fraternally, Dr. Prine is present master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Union Lodge No. 71, of Ripley, and is a member of Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 82. In addition, he has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past noble grand of Lamartine Lodge No. 118, and a past chief patriarch of Ripley Encampment No. 295.

Dr. Price is a member of the Ohio State Medical association and of the Brown County Medical Society.

Religiously, Dr. Prine is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Prine is a man of Statewide reputation in medical circles and has always been a constant student and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, and there are few engaged in general practice with so broad and comprehensive a knowledge of the medical science in its entirety.

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### MICHAEL GERMANN.

Mr. Michael Germann, for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Brown county, has been a resident of Ripley, Ohio, since 1906, and is enjoying the retirement from active labors, surrounded by all that tends to



make the evening of life often the most pleasurable. Mr. Germann was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 12, 1834, a son of George and Mary (Mathias) Germann, the former of whom was a maker of wooden shoes and passed away in 1838, aged thirty-two years, and the latter of whom was about fifty years of age at the time of her death, in 1860, at Boston, Mass.

Michael Germann is one of four children, whose names are as follows: Barbara (Hoover) died at Cincinnati in 1911; Elizabeth (Heitz), a widow, of Cincinnati; Mary (Lang), a widow, residing at Ripley.

In company with his sister, Barbara, Michael Germann set out for America in 1852, and, settling at New York, he learned the trade of a wagon maker. Three years later the rest of the family came to New York, and soon after their arrival they removed to Boston, the home of our subject until 1862, when he located at Ripley, Ohio.

His marriage occurred at Boston on the 4th of May, 1858, his union being with Miss Frances Thrane, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 9, 1836, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Beier) Thrane, both of whom died in Germany, the former being a tailor by business. Mrs. Germann is one of six children, all of whom are deceased: Frank; Joseph; Christoff; Barbara, and Kate. Mrs. Germann came to America when eighteen years of age, with her brother, Christoff, and remained a short time in New York and Buffalo, after which they came west to Boston, Mass., where she was married. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Germann have been ten children, of whom nine are living: Frank and George, of Ripley, Ohio; Frances, wife of Frank Schwalia, a farmer of Union township; Lizzie (Lang), farmers; William died in the fall of 1911 at the age of forty-three years; John, a farmer; Katie (Haucke), farmers; Lawrence, a farmer; Michael, Jr., and Miss Anna, at home.

Mr. Michael Germann opened a wagon shop at Ripley, in 1862, making the first spring wagon in Brown county. He continued in this business until 1865, when he sold out to Mr. Reinert and purchased a small farm in Huntington township. He sold this farm and bought another, a larger one, and until 1906 he carried on general farming at this place, which he still owns. Removing to Ripley, he purchased the Renolds home on Third street, which was erected in 1855.

In politics, Mr. Germann votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of St. Michael's German Catholic Church, of Ripley, and to this denomination he gives a generous support.





Mr. and Mrs. Germann have fifty-six living grandchildren, and three besides this number are deceased.

Mr. Germann and his family are much respected and esteemed by all with whom they are associated, and are in every sense good citizens.

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### JOSEPH H. EVANS.

Mr. Joseph H. Evans, deceased, was long connected with the agricultural interests of Brown county, Ohio, and was one of the most highly esteemed and substantial citizens. He was born on the Evans homestead in Huntington township, Brown county, February 15, 1854, a son of the Hon. Andrew Evans, extended mention of whom is made on another page of these volumes.

Joseph H. Evans attended the school in his neighborhood and remained under the parental roof until his twenty-second birthday, and under his father's instructions grew into a thoroughly practical farmer, able to cope with almost any agricultural situation. For years he was considered one of the best farmers in his locality.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage on his twenty-second birthday to Miss Louisa B. Dragoo, who was born March 22, 1857, a daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Day) Dragoo, of Union township. One year after his marriage Mr. Evans removed to the farm, where Mrs. Evans still resides, and which consists of two hundred and sixty-nine acres. This farm Mr. Evans improved and cultivated during his life and the family continue to keep it in excellent condition. The home is in Union township and was built in 1821.

Four children were added to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, whose names follow:

Charles P., born November 9, 1876, is operating the home farm. He married Miss Audrey Shank, who died October 14, 1901, leaving one son, Richard N., thirteen years of age. Mr. Evans is a member of Lamartine Lodge No. 118, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ross H., born March 17, 1879, is in the United States mail service and resides at Kansas City, Mo. He married Cordie Christopher.

Archie L., born June 18, 1881, is a jeweler of Kansas City, Mo. He married Sadie Marshall.



Estelle V., born August 10, 1855, and is the wife of Evert R. Fennan, a farmer of Jefferson township, living near Russellville, Brown county.

Mr. Joseph Evans and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he was a man of integrity of character, and honorable and upright in public and private life, he was highly respected by all who knew him.

He was a member of Union Lodge No. 118, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ripley, Ohio.

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### THE MEFFORD & GRIM COMPANY.

The Mefford & Grim Company, furniture dealers, funeral directors and embalmers, of Ripley, Ohio, is the largest and most widely known furniture and undertaking establishment in Brown county. The company has done a large business in Brown and Adams counties in Ohio and also in Kentucky, and is incorporated for ten thousand dollars.

The business was established about 1876 by Mr. L. Grim, Sr., as a general store and funeral directory, in the present location, the coffins and furniture being manufactured in the same building, which has since been remodeled. Later the firm name was changed to L. Grim & Son, and in 1906, when Messrs. Harry L. and Thomas L. Mefford became interested in the company, the firm name was changed to the Mefford & Grim Company, by which it has since been known.

Mr. Grim has retained his interest in the business, but it is managed by the Mefford brothers. The business has steadily increased during the past few years and the building has been remodeled and modernized to take care of the extensive trade.

It is interesting to thus note the gradual growth of a large enterprise and it is easy to feel enthusiasm for the minds who have not only the ability to plan, but also to execute so great an undertaking. The firm was doing a very nice business prior to the time the Mefford brothers became interested, but upon entering into the firm they combined youthful energy and persevering activity with rare administrative skill and thorough knowledge, which has made possible a larger increase. The mutual confidence and esteem which has always existed among the members of the firm has had its influence, and all are men of highest business integrity as well as commercial perception.



## FRANK E. BOYD.

Mr. Frank E. Boyd, general manager of the People's Coal Company, of Ripley, Ohio, has occupied the present position since July, 1910, to the entire satisfaction of his employers. The company is owned by Mr. J. T. Hatfield, of Covington, Ky., Mr. Fred Eversbach, of Pomeroy, Ohio, and Mr. Gottlieb Hardwig, of Cincinnati, and does the largest retail business on the Ohio river, with the exception of the cities.

Frank E. Boyd was born at Levanna, Brown county, Ohio, February 10, 1871, and is a son of the late Capt. Charles W. and Margaret Frances (McMeekin) Boyd. The latter was a native of Adams county, Ohio. Her death occurred May 12, 1897, at the age of sixty years. She was a devout member of the Christian church.

Capt. Charles W. Boyd was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, in 1834, and died in 1894. He was a very active and successful business man and conducted a lumber saw mill and boat building business at Ripley, Levanna and Higginsport, Ohio. In his later years he was active in politics and served as deputy collector of internal revenue under President Harrison. Upon coming to Brown county, Captain Boyd became associated with his uncle, Samuel Horn, a merchant and boatman, for some time. After becoming thoroughly familiar with this line of business he purchased the business from his uncle and conducted it with the assistance of a brother, Samuel, who is now in the lumber business in Cincinnati. The firm operated under the name of C. W. & S. G. Boyd and later as the Boyd Manufacturing Company, with head offices at Ripley. This venture proved very successful and they continued this association until the disastrous fires and floods of the early '80's. Captain Boyd then turned his attention to general farming on his farm in Union township, four miles from Ripley. In 1861, at the first call for volunteers, he enlisted in the Thirty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteers. He re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. He won much admiration by his gallant service and was promoted at various times, leaving the service as major, although he was always known as captain. He participated in many important engagements and was wounded at Fayetteville, W. Va.

Socially, Capt. Charles Boyd was a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge and Chapter, of Ripley, of the Cincinnati





Commandery. He was also a member of the Loyal Legion and the Blaine Club. He served in the various offices of the Wirt Liggett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and as commander in the State department.

Mr. Frank E. Boyd, the subject of this mention, is the youngest of six children living, the youngest having died in infancy. The others are:

Alice K., wife of A. E. Humphreys, of Denver, Colo., where he is engaged in the mining and real estate business.

Alberta Lee, widow of T. S. Thomson, who is residing with her daughter at Canton, Ohio.

Mattie A., wife of W. O. Saum, Charleston, W. Va.

James P., of Ripley, Ohio.

W. C., a miner of coal in West Virginia and until recently superintendent of stores of the Carbon Coal Company.

The education of Frank E. Boyd was acquired in the public schools, after which he entered upon his business life in the livery business, continuing for a period of fourteen years.

Upon reaching the age of his majority he chose for his companion of future years Miss Esther Ladenburger, a native of Brown county, and a daughter of Mr. Louis Ladenburger, of Ripley. Their marriage has been blessed with one son, Charles W., who is eight years of age, and is in school.

Mr. F. E. Boyd votes the Republican ticket and has always taken an intelligent interest in all public affairs. He has served for the past twelve years as township trustee of Union township.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Boyd include the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the Masonic order, of Ripley, and the Modern Woodmen of America, of Ripley.

Mr. Boyd has membership with the Christian church, while Mrs. Boyd is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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### B. R. CRISWELL.

Mr. B. R. Criswell, a member of the drug firm of Criswell & Bristow, at the corner of Second and Main streets, Ripley, Ohio, is one of the city's most prominent and substantial citizens. He was born at Ripley, August 14, 1866, and is a son of R. M. and Ellen (Donaldson) Criswell, the latter of whom is a resident of Ripley, and is eighty years of age.



Mr. R. M. Criswell was reared in Pennsylvania, his parents being of an old Bradford county family. His grandfather was of English lineage, and his grandmother was of Irish parentage, and many of the family now reside in Central Ohio. R. M. Criswell came to Brown county from Washington Court House, Ohio, and settled in Ripley in 1860, where he embarked in the carriage manufacturing business. For many years his carriage factory was the only one at Ripley. He was widely known and enjoyed an enviable reputation because of the excellent workmanship on his carriages and surreys. His demise occurred in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church.

Ellen (Donaldson) Criswell was born at Zanesville, Ohio, and was practically reared there until her marriage. She was a member of an early and prominent family of Muskingum county. She became the mother of four sons and one daughter, whose names follow:

James M., who owns a farm in Union township, near Ripley, and is successfully engaged in general farming.

C. D., has charge of a department in a large store in Decatur, Ill.

B. R., who is the subject of this mention.

One son is deceased.

Mrs. W. P. Reynolds, wife of a printer of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. B. R. Criswell was reared and educated at Ripley, graduating from the high school, after which event he entered the business world in the confectionery and restaurant business at his present stand. Prior to starting out in life for himself, Mr. Criswell was associated with his father in the carriage manufacturing business.

The present partnership in the drug business was formed early in the year of 1912. Mr. W. H. Bristow is a graduate pharmacist, and has been a resident of Ripley for the past year. He was formerly from Covington, Ky. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Masons.

In politics, Mr. Criswell is a staunch Democrat and takes an active interest in all public affairs.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Criswell are with the Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which organization he has filled the office of high priest for the past three years, and





with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander.

In religious belief, he is a member of the Methodist church, to which denomination he gives liberally of his means.

For the past year, Mr. Criswell has given his entire attention to the drug business, and has met with a large measure of success. The firm enjoys a fine patronage and Ripley is proud to number it among the business enterprises of the town.

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### POLEMAN NELSON ELLIS.

The death of Mr. Poleman Nelson Ellis, on August 28, 1912, at his home in Higginsport, Ohio, removed from that town a valued and well known citizen. Mr. Ellis was a successful farmer and progressive tobacco dealer, during his active life, and because of the energetic labors of his younger years was enabled to spend the sunset of life in the calm and peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of his endeavors. Mr. Ellis was born in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, March 4, 1838, and was a brother of Mr. Amos F. Ellis, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

On the 2d of December, 1862, Mr. P. N. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Hannah Pangburn, who was born in Brown county, June 16, 1838, a daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Hodkins) Pangburn, both natives of Brown county. Mr. Pangburn was a farmer by business and also flat boated on the Ohio river, carrying produce to the South. He was a son of Lyons Pangburn and Rebecca (Applegate) Pangburn, who were born in Pennsylvania, and were among the earliest resident farmers of Brown county, of near Lavenna. Mr. John Pangburn died at the age of seventy years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-three years.

John and Sarah Jane (Hodkins) Pangburn were the parents of the following sons and daughters: Ruth Hannah, Mary Ann (deceased), Martha (deceased), James E. (deceased), Winfield Scott, Lines Albert, Alexander B., Alfred (deceased), Calvin, William (deceased), Washington and Grant (deceased).

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Ellis were the parents of four children: One child which died in infancy unnamed.

Oston, died March 20, 1865, aged eighteen months.

Oscar C., who is in the tobacco business at Ripley, Ohio.



He has two daughters, Elizabeth Virginia, born on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1910, and Ruth Evelyn, born August 24, 1912.

Edgar W., of Avondale, Ohio, who is now in Florida, where he recently purchased twenty thousand acres of land on Indian river, and has laid out a town there. He has two daughters: Edna, born March 30, 1890, married Paul L. Henkel. Their wedding was a society event in Avondale. Mr. Henkel died December 24, 1912. Marie was born September 2, 1913.

Mr. Ellis was a staunch Republican, and was active in all worthy enterprises in his locality. During the Civil war, he was a member and captain of the home guards.

In religious faith, Mr. Ellis and his family embraced the belief of the Christian church. The place he occupied in the hearts of his many friends can never be filled. Known alike to rich and poor, he was esteemed by all and many were the touching expressions relative to the general loss.

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### SAMUEL B. MEFFORD.

Mr. Samuel B. Mefford, one of the best known citizens of Union township, Brown county, Ohio, who has proved himself a successful farmer and stockman, owns and operates two hundred and thirty acres of the old Mefford farm, which was settled by John Mefford, the great-grandfather of Mr. Samuel Mefford of this mention. Mr. Mefford was born on a farm adjoining his present home, December 7, 1854, he being a son of John Walker and Annie (Pangburn) Mefford.

John Walker Mefford was also a native of Brown county, his birth having taken place in Union township, February 3, 1814, and his death, May 17, 1891. He was a prosperous farmer, which occupation he followed during his entire active life. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Christian church. He was a son of George and Polly Mefford.

George Mefford was born November 22, 1786, and departed this life, October 30, 1872, while his wife was born October 20, 1793, and passed away, May 16, 1832. He was engaged in the produce business and in connection with this line of business, made eighteen trips to New Orleans. He and his wife were active members of the Baptist church, and were prom-



inent in the community in which they lived. George was a son of John Mefford, who was also the great grandfather of Mr. Samuel B. Mefford.

John Mefford was born in Pennsylvania, April 19, 1764, and came to Mason county, Kentucky, from his native State in 1787. Shortly after, he removed to Brown county, locating near Levanna, where he purchased five hundred acres of land and there carried on general farming until his death, April 21, 1834. He made the trip from Pennsylvania to Kentucky by flat boat, then the common means of travel.

Samuel B. Mefford is one of fifteen children, of whom thirteen grew to maturity. One died at the age of fourteen years, and one at two years of age. There are eight still living, namely: George W., L. P., Melissa (Drake) and Mrs. Flora White, all of Higginsport; William P., of Felicity, Ohio; Emma (Burgett), of Dayton, Ohio; and Clamenza (Smith), of Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. Samuel B. Mefford has resided thus far on the old home farm, and has been engaged in the business of farming along general lines. He has made many improvements during his residence as owner, including a handsome home, which was erected in 1910.

The marriage of Mr. Samuel B. Mefford and Miss Albertine Loudon took place on the 2d of April, 1879. She was born in Union township, Brown county, Ohio, September 25, 1852, and is a daughter of W. P. and Eliza J. (Rogers) Loudon. The birth of the former occurred in February, 1827, and he passed away November 27, 1903. The latter was born in 1832 and died June 8, 1911, both natives of Brown county.

Mrs. Mefford's grandfather, Charles Loudon, was a brother of Gen. James Loudon, who came to Brown county together, from Mason county, Kentucky. Her maternal grandfather, Ezekiel Rogers, was born in Brown county, and was a son of Thomas Rogers, who settled in the county soon after the Revolution. Mrs. Mefford is one of four children, two sons and two daughters, the others being: W. B. Loudon, of Union township, a farmer on Pizgah Ridge; E. W., a tobacco man of Cincinnati, whose office is at No. 10 East Front street; Rachel (Myers), of Union township, a widow of William Myers.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Mefford consists of the following children: Bertha, who died in infancy; Harry L. and Thomas L., furniture dealers and undertakers of Ripley, Ohio; and Earl L., a traveling man of Dayton, Ohio.





Mr. Mefford takes an intelligent interest in politics, and has served for the past six years as township trustee of Union township.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Mefford are active members of the Christian church. He is a thoroughly respected citizen and all who know him appreciate his many noble traits of character.

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### J. H. NEU.

Mr. J. H. Neu has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Higginsport, Ohio, since October, 1895, as a dealer in hardware and farm implements, carrying an extensive line of goods and implements. Mr. Neu is a native of Brown county, his birth having taken place in Pleasant township, November 6, 1869, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Wolfe) Neu.

Jacob Neu was born in Brown county in 1845, and passed from this life in 1907, while his wife was born in Germany in 1851, and is a resident of Higginsport. She was a daughter of Louis Wolfe, who came to America when his daughter was three months old and settled in Brown county. Jacob Neu was a very successful farmer of Pleasant township, where he was highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He was an active member of the Democratic party and his religious belief embraced the faith of the Lutheran church, and his wife was a member of the Christian church. He was a son of Jacob Neu, who came to America when he was eight years of age with his father, Conrad Neu, who settled in Brown county.

Mr. J. H. Neu is a member of a family of nine children, of whom three sons and four daughters are living:

Charles E., a farmer residing in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio.

Louella (Shelton), of Xenia, Ohio, married first, Mr. Robert Armstrong.

Ada M. (White), is a resident of Pleasant township, where her husband is engaged in farming.

Stella C. (Shelton), of Dayton, Ohio, where her husband is engaged as superintendent of the Prudential Insurance agency.

Minnie, who died in 1895, at the age of eleven years.

Clarence, is a farmer of Pleasant township.

Edna died in 1895, at the age of five years.



Miss Nellie, at home.

Mr. J. H. Neu acquired a good common school education in the schools of his locality, and remained at the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age, thus gaining a good practical experience in the occupation of farming.

Mr. Neu married Miss Emma M. Sontag, who was born in Brown county, and is a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Gross) Sontag, a native of Germany, now of Hamilton county, Ohio.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Neu are four children, and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. Their names are as follows: Mabel L., Ruth A., Mildred M., and John H., Jr.

Mr. Neu affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, of which organization he is past chancellor, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and of the Rebekahs.

He gives his support to the Democratic party and has served three terms as township treasurer.

Mr. Neu is interested in various prosperous enterprises, including the Higginsport Independent Telephone Company, being vice-president and general manager of that company, and he is also a director of the Citizens' Bank of Higginsport.

Mr. Neu has met with an unusual degree of success in his undertakings, and is deserving of all the praise implied in the term, self-made. His energy and perseverance are salient features of his success, and he has won the esteem and high regard of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Neu and his family attend the Christian church.

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#### MRS. HELEN BEASLEY.

Mrs. Helen Beasley, widow of the late John Beasley, resides three miles from Ripley, Ohio, on a beautiful farm on the Ripley and Hillsboro pike, Union township, Brown county, Ohio. Mrs. Beasley is held in high esteem in and about Ripley, and in this section she has spent her life thus far. She is a daughter of John M. and Mary (Baird) West.

John M. West was born in Byrd township, Brown county, Ohio, April 10, 1832, and resided on the home farm where his birth occurred until his death, July 15, 1873. He was a son





of John M. West, who was a native of Virginia and came to Brown county in pioneer days, locating in Byrd township, and there remained until his demise at the age of eighty-five years.

Mary (Baird) West was born in Jefferson township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1844, and died in 1898, and was a daughter of John Baird, who was an early settler of the county. To her union with John M. West, five children were born:

George B., who was born July 14, 1852, has resided at the old home farm in Byrd township and followed the occupation of farming. In later years, he has resided with his sister, Mrs. Beasley.

Levina became the wife of Samuel Edinfield, a farmer of Jefferson township.

Joseph E., has been a resident farmer of Nebraska for the past twenty-five years. He has reared a nice family.

Helen, our subject, married John Beasley, who died in 1903, at the age of forty-nine years. They were the parents of two children: Grace, a graduate of the Ripley High School, class of 1913; and Nellie J., who died in 1905 at the age of eight years.

William Rufus, operates the old home place in Byrd township.

The politics of the family is mainly Democratic.

Mrs. Beasley and her brother, Mr. West, reside on the farm in Union township, and are progressive farmers along general lines.

In religious belief, Mrs. Beasley and the family are members of the Christian church, as were also her parents. Mrs. Beasley is well known in Brown county and her home is always open for the entertainment of her friends and neighbors.

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### WILLIAM NIMON WEST.

Mr. William Nimon West, one of the prominent farmers and stockmen of Union township, Brown county, Ohio, owning a well cultivated and valuable farm of ninety-six acres on the Arnheim pike, was born May 17, 1863, in Byrd township, and is the son of Rev. Joseph S. and Susanna (Dixon) West.

Rev. Joseph S. West was born in Byrd township, December 7, 1825, and passed to his eternal reward in 1892. He was a



minister of the Christian church for many years and filled the pulpit of Liberty Chapel from 1855 to 1890. His father, John West, was born in Pennsylvania, January 1, 1797, and came with his parents, John and Eleanor West, in 1798, to Kenton Station, Ky., where they spent a short time, coming on to Brown county and settling in Byrd township. The great-grandparents of our subject, William Nimon West, secured land and became successful farmers of the county. They passed away at the old West homestead, between Decatur and Russellville, which is now owned by Mr. Rufus West.

Susanna (Dixon) West, the mother of Mr. W. N., of this mention, was a daughter of William and Mary (Carr) Dixon, of Union township, and her birth occurred April 28, 1833, and her death in 1897. She was an active member of the Christian church and was an able assistant to her husband in his ministerial work.

William Dixon was a native of Kentucky and accompanied his father to Brown county in 1793. He was a general farmer and was prominent in politics, serving as justice of the peace for many years.

William Nimon West is the fifth of twelve children, all of whom are living: Louie, Sadie, Susie and James H. reside in Norwood, Ohio; Dr. John W., of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Lovina married William Smith and lives near Mt. Hope, Kan.; Thomas A., a minister of the Christian church, of near Wichita, Kan.; Joseph S., a banker, of Russellville, Ohio; Oscar A. resides on the home farm in Byrd township; Martha E., who married G. H. Buchanan, lives in Jefferson township; Elizabeth married Archibald N. Leggett, a farmer of Jefferson township.

Mr. William Nimon West was reared on the farm and grew to be an intelligent and practical agriculturist, but his beginning was in a small way and his success is the result of his own industry and enterprise.

In 1890, Mr. W. N. West was united in marriage to Miss Lou Esther Kearns, who was born in Union township, Brown county, in 1866, a daughter of Samuel and Elmira (Martin) Kearns. Her death occurred April 19, 1900, leaving five children, all of whom are at home: Florence, William Earl, Joseph N., Archie S. and Alonzo K.

Mr. West is an advocate of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and although not an office seeker, he takes an active interest in all questions of the day.



Fraternally, Mr. West has membership with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Ripley. Religiously, he and his family are devoted members of the Christian church, of Ripley, and is a most liberal supporter of all worthy enterprises.

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### MARION ALONZO KEARNS.

Numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Brown county, Ohio, is Mr. Marion Alonzo Kearns, who is a representative of an old family of Brown county. He owns and operates a well tilled farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres on the Arnheim pike, in Union township. Mr. Kearns recently sold another farm of one hundred and nine acres in Jefferson township. He was born in Jefferson township, one and one-half miles southwest of Russellville, October 18, 1850, and his parents were Samuel and Elmira (Martin) Kearns.

Samuel Kearns was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, March 24, 1824, and his death took place in Union township July 9, 1899. He was a son of Daniel Kearns, who died when Samuel was a youth. Daniel's parents immigrated from Pennsylvania and settled on the Little Miami river. Some of the family located in Cincinnati, where they were prospered as business men.

Samuel Kearns, having been reared to the pursuits of agriculture, continued in this vocation. He was a soldier in the defense of his country during the Mexican war, and was in the battle of Monterey. He was also active in the home guards during the Civil war and made several trips into Kentucky. Thus, from experience, he was known as a man of military knowledge. Samuel Kearns was a Republican in politics and for over forty years was a very active member of the Christian church.

Elmira (Martin) Kearns was born in Franklin township, Brown county, June, 1826, and died September 26, 1904. She was a daughter of Joel and "Jennie" (Brown) Martin, the former of whom was a Scotchman, who emigrated to Brown county, locating in Franklin township, where he died after a useful and active life. The mother was one of nine children, four of whom lived to be over eighty years of age.

Marion Alonzo Kearns is one of six children, whose names follow: Lizzie (Myers), a widow residing at Georgetown,





Ohio; Taylor died at the age of twenty-three years of small-pox; M. A., our subject; Belle J., wife of J. W. Work, of Union township; Anna died at the age of five years; Lou Esther, deceased wife of W. N. West, a sketch of whom appears on another page.

The marriage of Mr. M. A. Kearns to Miss Nancy Purdum occurred October 17, 1876. She was a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in Pleasant township, her parents being Isaac W. and Hannah (Hodkins) Purdum. Isaac Purdum was born in Brown county and carried on the business of farming all his life. He was an active politician and served in the various local offices of the township. He died December, 1911, at the age of eighty-two years. Hannah (Hodkins) Purdum was also born in Brown county and was a daughter of Samuel Hodkins, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Isaac W. Purdum was one of sixteen children, of whom one was a soldier under General Sherman.

Mrs. Kearns has three brothers: John W. Purdum, of Kansas; James, of Indiana, and Jesse Lee, of Georgetown, Ohio.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kearns are three children: Jesse Lou, who is married, is a merchant at Russellville; Minnie L., is a resident of Jackson township; and George T., is at home.

Mr. Kearns is a standard Republican, and is active in the interests of the party, having served as supervisor and a member of the school board. He was chairman of the board of education in Jefferson township.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearns are members of the Christian church at Russellville and their children are members also. The reputation of Mr. Kearns in his neighborhood is that of a man of sterling worth and a farmer of excellent agricultural ability.

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### ROBERT W. MILLER.

Mr. Robert W. Miller has made farming his occupation throughout his entire life and has attained a high degree of success in his chosen pursuit. The home farm of Mr. Miller is located on the Arnheim pike, on the old Dixon ridge, in Union township, Brown county, Ohio. He was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, March 15, 1849, and is a son of Robert S. and Mary J. (Evans) Miller.



Robert S. Miller, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, November 22, 1817, and died November 20, 1901, at his home in Union township. His father, Robert Gillen Miller, came to Brown county from Pennsylvania, locating first in Lewis township and was active in the operation of the famous Underground Railroad. He finally located in Pleasant township and was living in a log house, now the home of Albert H. Moore, at the time of his death, aged sixty years. He was a captain of the Home Guards. Robert devoted his attention to farming and was considered among the most successful in his locality.

Mary J. Evans was born in Brown county, December 12, 1821, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Patten) Evans and was an aunt of Capt. Nelson W. Evans, of Portsmouth, Ohio. Her death occurred January 24, 1875. She and her husband were consistent members of the Christian church.

In the family of Robert S. and Mary J. (Evans) Miller were nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are now living: George, of Thorntown, Ind.; John W., of Byrd township, Brown county; Robert W., our subject; William W., of Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio; James E., of Clark township, Brown county; Jane (Tweed), of Dayton; Sarah F. (Cox), of Union township; Anna C. (Carr) died in 1880; and Emma died in infancy.

Mr. Robert W. Miller has been a resident of Union township since he was five years of age and has been a successful farmer practically all of his active life.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage in 1881, in Lewis township, to Miss Addie L. Cahall, who was born in Lewis township, in November, 1853, and departed this life June 8, 1902. She was a daughter of James and Fannie (Drake) Cahall, an old family of Lewis township. She was survived by three children:

Everett J. P., at home.

Miss Mary B. was born in 1883 and died in December, 1907.

Miss Sadie L., at home.

By his study of the political issues of the day Mr. Miller is a Republican.

The religious views of Mr. Miller and family are in favor of the Christian church, of which they are active members.

Mr. Robert W. Miller enjoys the high regard and esteem of the community in which he has lived for so many years, be-





cause of his many sterling qualities and excellent traits of character. By the many years of practical experience in general farming and stock raising he has become proficient along those lines and has met with well deserved success.

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### GREENLIEF NORTON COX.

Mr. Greenlief Norton Cox, deceased, was one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Brown county, Ohio, was also a carpenter by trade, and his death, on October 17, 1912, removed one of the most prominent workers in the up-building of this county. Mr. Cox resided on a well cultivated farm on the Arnheim pike in Union township. He was born in Jefferson township, on Eagle creek, Brown county, Ohio, December 6, 1832, his parents being John and Freelove (Bennett) Cox. The father died March 9, 1859, and the mother December 30, 1872. They both were natives of Virginia, John having served in the war of 1812. He was a large landowner and dealer in horses, selling to Cincinnati markets, residing near Russellville, Brown county.

Mr. G. N. Cox was one of eleven children, all of whom but one sister are now deceased. He spent his boyhood on the farm and obtained a good practical education and grew up with the rude health an active, busy life on the farm produces. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Cox was one of the first to offer his services in behalf of his country, enlisting in 1861, in the Fourth Independent Ohio cavalry, serving from July 10, 1861, to February, 1862.

Returning from the war, Mr. Cox was united in marriage on December 11, 1862, to Miss Sarah A. Henry, who was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, September 27, 1843, a daughter of James and Ruth Ann (Day) Henry, both natives of Brown county.

James Henry was born in Byrd township, Brown county, April 22, 1820, and died January 9, 1889. He was a resident of Jefferson township for the most of his life, but in his later years he resided in Union township. He was very successful in his chosen calling, owning five farms, comprising some five hundred acres, and his success was due entirely to his own efforts and endeavor. His father, James Henry, was a son of James, who came from County Down, Ireland, and was among the first settlers of Brown county; he was among



the first members of the First Presbyterian congregation of Ripley. All the members of the Henry family were Presbyterians and the men favored the principles of the Republican party.

Ruth Ann (Day) Henry, mother of Mrs. Cox, was born July 10, 1822, and is a resident of Union township. She is a daughter of John and Rachel (Dye) Day. The former died at the age of seventy-five years, his birth having occurred in Maryland, and the latter, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, died in 1873. She was a daughter of John Dye, a soldier of Revolutionary fame.

Mrs. Cox is one of eleven children, including one pair of twins, eight of whom are living: Mrs. Cox, the eldest; Rachel M. died at the age of fifty years; James C., a farmer of Union township; Ethelinda, wife of Alonzo Geeslin, resides in Union township; John D. resides with his widowed mother in Union township; William Frank, of Union township; Joseph B., a farmer of Brown county, residing in Union township; Edward died at the age of two months; Charles F., of Georgetown, Ohio, and Mrs. Lucy Ann Benner, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Cox is the mother of four children:

William C., of Union township, married Sarah Miller, a sister of Robert W. Miller. They have one son, Albert H.

Lola died April 28, 1900, at the age of thirty-three years.

Charles H. operates the home farm.

One child, who was the second in order of birth, died in infancy.

Mr. Greenlief Norton Cox was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Georgetown Post. During the war he was a bugler in the army under Captain Foster. He was prominent in the agricultural and social circles of Brown county and always took an active interest in all enterprises which tended to promote the public weal.

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#### S. CARY BEASLEY.

Mr. S. Cary Beasley, one of the best known citizens of Brown county, is a representative farmer and stock raiser of Union township, where he owns a nicely improved and productive farm. He is a native of Brown county, his birth hav-



ing taken place on June 12, 1865, his parents being Stephen Alfred and Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley.

Jeptha Beasley, great-grandfather of Mr. Beasley of this mention, with his brothers, John, Benjamin and Nathaniel, left their native State of Virginia and came down the Ohio river in 1789. John Beasley settled and remained in Kentucky, while the others came on to Brown county. Jeptha settled in Union township in 1798; Benjamin settled on what is known as Beasley's Run in 1796, and was the first settler in Huntington township; Nathaniel located at Decatur. They were prosperous in their various lines of endeavor, and were a credit to their father, Benjamin Beasley, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, whose gallant service won much admiration and praise.

John Beasley, a son of Jeptha Beasley, was a justice of the peace for eighteen years in Union township, and married many couples. He was a cousin of the late Squire Massie Beasley, of Aberdeen, Ohio, who is reputed to have married some seventeen hundred couples during his service as justice of the peace. John Beasley married Miss Matilda Hamer, of a noted family of pioneers of Brown county.

Stephen Alfred Beasley was born May 1, 1825, and departed this life April 14, 1910, his parents being John and Matilda (Hamer) Beasley. He was an energetic and prosperous farmer, which business he made his life occupation. He was in favor of the principles of the Republican party, to which he gave his support during his entire life. Although his parents raised him in the belief of the Christian church, he later embraced the faith of the Methodist church. He was also a member of the Union Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons.

Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 1, 1832, and still resides on the home farm, enjoying most excellent health for one of her years. She is a daughter of John and Nancy (Page) Cluxton.

John Cluxton was born in County Down about 1790 and came with his parents to the great America when about nine years of age, or about 1800. His father passed away during the year of their arrival in Pennsylvania, and his mother brought the family west to Adams county, Ohio, where she died. The death of John Cluxton occurred in Adams county in 1852.

Nancy (Page) Cluxton was born in Pennsylvania, at Con-





nellsville, which town her maternal grandfather, Zachariah Connells, laid out on land which he owned. Her parents were Rev. William and Mary (Connells) Page, the former of whom was a minister of the Methodist church and during his ministry assisted in the organization of many churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Stephen Alfred and Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley became the parents of four children:

Adeline, who was the wife of John Garrett, of Toledo, Ohio, died in 1896, leaving two children, Orville and Raymond.

Miss Celestia is at home.

John, whose death took place November 5, 1904, left a family, whose sketch will appear elsewhere on these pages.

Samuel Cary, the subject of this review.

The details which have reached us concerning the boyhood and early youth of Mr. Beasley indicate that he was favored with the best educational advantages which his native locality afforded, and that he was reared in a home where frugality was encouraged and moral virtues extolled.

In 1891, Mr. Beasley was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Martin, of Union township, a daughter of Samuel P. Martin. The family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Beasley consists of two children:

Esther Rae, who after graduating from the Ripley High School, spent two years at the Ohio Wesleyan University, taking a course in art, giving especial attention to china painting.

Martha, who is also a graduate of the Ripley High School, is at home, as is also her sister.

The family home has been the present one since the year of 1889, the old home having been near the Mt. Air school house, in the eastern part of Union township, where Mr. Beasley was born. The present home was formerly the George Snedecker place, and was later owned by Lovell and Greenleaf Pickerell. The property is finely improved, Mr. Beasley and his father having done a great deal of it. Mr. Beasley devotes his time to general farming, raising grain and tobacco in connection with the raising of good stock.

Mr. Beasley gives his political support to the progressive Republican party, and is well informed on all questions of public interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley and their daughters are active members of the Methodist church, to which they give liberally of their means.



Mr. S. Cary Beasley is the last of the name now living in this section, where his forebears were among the pioneers. He is an exemplary citizen in both public and private life, and his friendly attitude to all has won him much esteem and admiration.

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### THOMAS WHISNER.

Mr. Thomas Whisner, whose splendid farm of one hundred and eighty-five well cultivated acres in Union township, located on the North Pole pike, Brown county, Ohio, proves his efficiency as a farmer and tobacco raiser, was born on Howard Ridge, on the lower Ripley and Bradyville pike, June 5, 1853, a son of Alex and Dicy Ann (Martin) Whisner.

Alex Whisner was also a native of Brown county, his birth occurring in Union township in 1826, and his death, January 28, 1885. He was a son of Thomas Whisner, a cabinet maker, who also made coffins, and followed his trade for many years at Ripley, where he had a shop. Thomas Whisner was from Pennsylvania, and came from there to Brown county, others of the family following later. In later years, he devoted his attention to his farm, where he died. His wife was formerly a Miss Porter, and her death occurred in 1850, from cholera.

Alex Whisner was in the vineyard business, having some six acres of grapes, from which he made a great deal of wine, making large shipments. He also had a large peach orchard. He was always an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and served in the home guards during the Civil war. He was one of the early Masons of Ripley.

Dicy Ann (Martin) Whisner was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, November 17, 1825, and died November 19, 1911. She was a granddaughter of Absalom Martin, who was among the first settlers of Brown county, and was a great Bible student, and a member of the Methodist church, as was also his granddaughter. Her union with Mr. Alex Whisner was blessed with five sons and six daughters, ten of whom are living and are as follows: Clarinda, now Mrs. G. H. Smithson, of Birdsey, Ind.; Miss Isabell, still at home; Thomas, our subject; John, of Russellville, where he owns a large farm; Miss Elizabeth, who is conducting a dress making establishment at Dayton, Ohio; Samuel, a farmer of Union township; Miss Ellen, died at the age of twenty-two





years; Calvin, who is interested in the livery business at Ripley, operates the home farm; Miss Anne, at home, as is also Miss Fredericka; and Alexander, who is in the livery business at Ripley, and his wife was formerly Miss De Vore.

Mr. Thomas Whisner was reared on the farm in Union township and has resided at his present home since 1882. He has spent the greater part of his life in farming, and at present has one of the finest and best cultivated farms in the county. He started in with his brother, John, with fifty acres and later bought him out. During the years that have followed, Mr. Whisner has added to his acreage and has made all the valuable improvements; his fine farm giving all the appearance of careful management.

On October 6, 1882, Mr. Thomas Whisner was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wiles, who was born in Union township, September 15, 1855, her parents being Joseph and Mary Ann (Kimball) Wiles. The Kimball family are now mainly in the west and are very successful in business. They were among the early settlers of Brown county, the family coming to Ohio from New Hampshire. Mary Ann (Kimball) Wiles passed from this life in 1906, at the age of eighty years.

Joseph Wiles was born in Union township, a son of Christian Wiles, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania German descent. He flat boated down the Ohio river to Brown county.

Mrs. Whisner is the oldest of six children: Carrie, died in infancy; Sarah Ellis, at home, single; Joseph Wiles, died at the age of seven years; George, is a farmer of Union township; Moses, is operating the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Whisner have had born to them the following named children:

Joseph E., aged thirty years, is at home. He married Miss Hattie Henry, and they have two children, Imogene and Helen.

Audrey and Ora, twins, are twenty-eight years old, the former of whom was married March 22, 1913, to William Buchanan, a farmer in Huntington township, and the latter is the wife of Clifford Radabaugh, residing at Sharonville, Ohio, he being a bookkeeper and general manager of a storage business at Cincinnati; and they have one child, Eda May.

Harriet, twenty-four years of age, is the wife of John Heglin, of Detroit, Mich., where he is engaged in a detective office as a bookkeeper.



Albert, eighteen years old and Roy, fifteen years old, are at home.

Orville, died at the age of eighteen months.

In politics, Mr. Whisner is a zealous supporter of the Republican principles, and his worth has been recognized on more than one occasion by his party.

The social relations of Mr. Whisner are with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Chapter of Ripley. The daughters, Audrey and Harriet, are members of the Order of Eastern Star of Ripley.

The family of Mr. Whisner attend the Methodist church at Fitch's chapel in Union township. Mr. Whisner is a man of wide acquaintance throughout the county, and is held in the highest esteem.

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### SAMUEL HIETT MARTIN.

Mr. Samuel Hielt Martin, a progressive farmer and stock raiser of Brown county, Ohio, owns and operates a splendidly improved farm of one hundred and two acres on North Pole pike in Huntington township. He was born in Union township, Brown county, May 6, 1867, a son of Ephraim and Ruth (Hielt) Martin, the latter of whom was a daughter of Major and Sarah Hielt, and died in September, 1907.

Ephraim Martin was born in Union township, Brown county, June 22, 1836, and is now living in retirement at his home in Huntington township, where he has resided for the past thirty-eight years. He is a son of Samuel and ——— (Campbell) Martin, who were from Kentucky.

Mr. Samuel H. Martin is one of seven children, of whom four brothers and two sisters are living, namely: Elijah, who was born in 1863, died in childhood; William, born June 2, 1865, is a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county; Samuel, our subject; John C., who was born August 13, 1869, and George W., who was born September 7, 1871, are operating the home farm in Huntington township, the latter of whom married Miss Laura Arn, daughter of John Arn, an early resident of Brown county; Sallie, born July 28, 1876, wife of Joseph Cooper, a farmer of Huntington township; Lorena, born January 5, 1880, is the wife of James Stephenson, of Dayton, Ohio, with the National Cash Register Company.

Mr. Samuel Hielt was reared on the farm which was his



home for twenty-five years, and received a good common school education. He was united in marriage to Miss Clara Jane Fulton, on the 21st of December, 1892, she being a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Cooper) Fulton, both of whom are deceased. They were resident farmers of Huntington township, Brown county.

Mrs. Martin is one of seven children: Cora, who was born in 1862, is at home with her brother, Joseph; Cooper, born in Huntington township, in 1864, married Grace Sutton; Titus B., born in 1866, is a farmer of Huntington township, and married Jennie Ellis; Margaret, born October 13, 1868, died November 24, 1911; Clara J., wife of Mr. Martin of this review, was born November 3, 1870; Charles D. Fulton was born in 1872, and married Annie Griffith, he being a farmer of Huntington township; Joseph C., born 1877. The mother had three children by a former marriage to William Riggs, and they are, Emily, now Mrs. John Buchanan; Samuel, of Huntington township; and Wylie, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of twin daughters, Cora Belle and Ruth Lee, the latter of whom died when an infant; birth occurred December 15, 1899.

In politics, Mr. Martin is an active Republican, as have been all the family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Christian church, Hiatt's chapel.

The years spent in Brown county have been profitable ones for Mr. Martin, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives.

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### SAMUEL DRAGOO.

Mr. Samuel Dragoo, deceased, was for many years a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Brown county, Ohio, and was held in high esteem by the citizens of his community for his many sterling traits of character. He was born in Union township, March 16, 1816, and passed from this life June 18, 1884. He was a son of Daniel and Susan (Bayne) Dragoo, both natives of Virginia, and born in the same year, 1780.

Belchazzer Dragoo, great-grandfather of Samuel, was born in Virginia and removed at a very early age to Mason county, Kentucky. Later he located on three hundred acres of land in Brown county, which he donated to the Shakers, which





organization he and three daughters and one son joined. The son, Benjamin, was reared by the Shakers and in early manhood came to Ripley, Ohio, where he resided until his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. His parents both died with the Shakers near Cincinnati, aged ninety-seven and ninety years, respectively. Daniel Dragoo died September 1, 1837, and his wife departed this life June 12, 1854.

Samuel Dragoo was reared on the farm and was married, February 8, 1837, to Miss Rachel A. Day, daughter of John and Rachel Day. Her birth occurred June 20, 1820, and to her union with Mr. Dragoo were born nine children, of whom six are living: George, of Tarkio, Mo.; Scott, of Langdon, Mo.; Samuel, of El Paso, Tex.; Daniel, of Kansas; Mrs. Thomas Shelton, of Adams county, Ohio, and Mrs. J. H. Evans, of Union township, Brown county, Ohio. Those deceased were: John; William S.; Jane (Dragoo) Lawrie, all of whom were residents of Brown county.

Mr. Samuel Dragoo resided on the old Dragoo homestead for a period of sixty-six years, removing to the home on the Russellville pike in the spring of 1882, where he remained until his death. This farm consisted of two hundred and fifteen acres and was a finely cultivated property.

He was a standard Republican and he and Mrs. Dragoo were members of the Christian church.

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### JOHN BUCHANAN.

Mr. John Buchanan, who owns one of the best and most highly cultivated farms, consisting of one hundred and fifty-eight acres, on the Ripley & Bradyville pike in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, possesses the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lives. He was born July 2, 1853, in Huntington township, and is a son of Thomas and Ellen (Hiett) Buchanan, a more extended mention of whom appears on another page of this history.

The boyhood and youth of Mr. John Buchanan was spent on the farm of his father and as the years passed became proficient in all the details of farm life under his father's instruction. He received a good education in the schools of his native county.

Mr. Buchanan was united in marriage, January 16, 1876.



to Miss Emily C. Riggs, who was born in Moundsville, W. Va., but whose childhood was spent in Huntington township, where her parents, Mathias and Catherine Ann (Cooper) Riggs, removed when she was a babe. She has one brother, Samuel Riggs, who is a resident farmer of Huntington township.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan consists of ten children, of whom one daughter, the seventh in order of birth, is deceased. The others are as follows:

Charles Foster, a druggist of Los Angeles, Cal., married Miss Emma Markwell, of California, and they have one child.

Catherine Ellen is the wife of James Brookover, of near Manchester, Adams county, Ohio.

Chester Arthur, of Adams county, Ohio, is a farmer and married Miss Faye Shelton, daughter of Thomas Shelton, and is the youngest of twelve children, all of whom are married. They have one son.

Ruth, wife of Fred K. Rousch, of Manchester, is the mother of two children.

Cora, wife of Douglas Hall, of Newport, Ky., where Mr. Hall is associated with his father in the coal and gravel business. They have an infant daughter.

Roy is attending the Columbus Agricultural College.

Mabel died in infancy.

Ola, William H. and Joseph Thomas are at home.

Mr. Buchanan is a staunch Republican and is interested in all questions of public good, but does not care for public office.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are members and liberal supporters of the Hiatt's Chapel Christian Church.

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#### MRS. IDA DRAGOO WILSON.

Mrs. Ida Dragoo Wilson, widow of the late Mr. W. K. Wilson, is a representative of a prominent family of Virginia, her parents being Jonah and Sophia (McCoppin) Cadwallader. Her birth occurred at Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio, in 1864.

Jonah Cadwallader was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1816, and when two years of age was brought by his parents to Highland county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated.





- He became a teacher, which profession he followed for thirty-five years. He was a thoroughly self-made man and was a great student and reader. He filled the position of principal of the Lynchburg schools for several years. He died at the age of fifty-nine years, in 1875, and his wife, who was born in 1831, departed this life in 1874. They were members of the Methodist church and were active in all worthy enterprises.

Mr. W. K. Wilson was born December 30, 1865, and was a son of Cornelius and Josephine (Games) Wilson, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is now the widow of the late Thomas Bick. She resides at the home of Mr. Homer Wilson, in Huntington township.

W. K. Wilson was an extensive stockman and gave especial attention to the raising of fine draft horses. He resided at the Cornelius Wilson homestead until about eleven years prior to his demise. He was a Democrat and took a citizen's interest in political affairs. He favored the Christian church and gave liberally to the support of that denomination.

Mrs. Wilson's first marriage occurred on November 3, 1889, to Mr. John H. Dragoo, son of John M. and Amanda J. (Hiatt) Dragoo, both of old families mentioned elsewhere. To this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy, and Frank C. is at home. Mr. Dragoo was a successful farmer and owned a large part of the old Hiatt farm in Huntington township, and it is still owned by Mrs. Wilson and her son, Frank C. Dragoo. Mr. Dragoo was a member of the Odd Fellows and belonged to the Hiatt Chapel Church. He was a grandson of Samuel Dragoo.

The union of Mr. W. K. and Ida Wilson was blessed with one son, Edwin Glenn, who is still at home.

Mrs. Wilson is well known in Huntington township and enjoys the respect and esteem of a large host of friends who admire her for her sterling qualities.

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### HOMER G. WILSON.

Mr. Homer G. Wilson may be classed among the most prominent and enterprising young farmers of Brown county, Ohio, where he owns and operates a finely improved farm about three-quarters of a mile east of Hiatt's Chapel, in



Huntington township. Mr. Wilson is a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred on the old home farm, January 3, 1874, a son of Cornelius and Josephine (Games) Wilson.

Cornelius Wilson was born in Huntington township, January 29, 1829, and departed this life April 3, 1894. His parents were Stephen and Mary (Laney) Wilson, both natives of Virginia, where they were married and were among the first of the early settlers of Brown county, locating in Huntington township, where they resided the remaining years of their lives. Cornelius Wilson was a successful and progressive farmer and business man and owned two hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which he put into a high state of cultivation. His marriage to Miss Josephine Games occurred in 1858, and they resided mainly on the farm in Huntington township. He was a member of Hickory Ridge Christian Church and was a man of sterling worth.

Josephine Games was born in Huntington township, May 27, 1843, a daughter of John W. and Sarah (Haynes) Games, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. John W. Games was born March 22, 1785, and died August 22, 1856. His wife, Sarah, was born December 27, 1803, and passed from this life January 4, 1874. Seven children came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Wilson:

Lillie Lee, born November 21, 1859, became the wife of Charles Howland, and her death occurred March 1, 1897, leaving seven children.

Sallie Mary, born August 25, 1861, died at the age of eleven months.

John M., born August 12, 1863, died August 5, 1909, leaving a wife, nee Miss Sallie, and three children, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

William K., born December 30, 1865, died in March, 1908, leaving a widow, Mrs. Ida Drago Wilson, and one son, Edwin, a sketch of whom will be found on other pages of these volumes.

Annie L., born April 8, 1868, is now in California.

Lucinda R., born January 3, 1871, died August 20, 1896.

Homer G., our subject.

Mr. Homer G. Wilson spent six years in Warren county, but most of his life thus far has been spent in Brown county on the farm. He received a good common school education and has devoted most of his attention to the pursuits of agriculture.



The marriage of Mr. H. G. Wilson to Miss Essie Geeslin occurred October 22, 1905. She is a native of Byrd township, Brown county, her natal day being January 20, 1876, and her parents being Albert A. and Phoebe (Milligan) Geeslin, who reside near the Campbell school in Byrd township. In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are two children:

Howard Jennings, born April 4, 1908.

Woodrow, born November 2, 1912.

In politics, Mr. Wilson is in favor of the men and measures of the Democratic party.

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### JOHN BURBAGE.

Mr. John Burbage, one of the extensive stock raisers and farmers of Brown county, owns a beautiful tract of two hundred and ninety-six acres on Hickory Ridge, near Fellowship Chapel, in Huntington township. He raises a great deal of stock and has two hundred and fifty acres in fine pasture. Mr. Burbage was born in Adams county, Ohio, near Decatur, March 14, 1871, and is a son of Stephen and Lydia (Reeves) Burbage, both residents of Decatur, where they are conducting farming and stock raising, the former born in 1846 and the latter in 1848.

John Burbage is the eldest of three children, the others being: James F., who was born February 29, 1875, is a farmer of Adams county, Ohio; Mary, who was born in 1873, married first, John Rickey, and later married again and resides at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Burbage spent his boyhood and youth on the farm of his parents, remaining at home until he had reached his twenty-first year. When he had reached mature years, he was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Jenkins, the ceremony being solemnized on the 18th of January, 1893. She was born on the farm which is her present home, and is a daughter of William and Eliza (Butts) Jenkins.

William Jenkins was born in Pennsylvania, March 27, 1818, and at the age of four years came with his parents, William and Hannah (Jury) Jenkins, to Ohio, where they located in Huntington township. The father and mother conducted a farm in connection with a hotel on Hickory Ridge. William Jenkins, Sr., donated the first acre and his two daughters the





remainder of the Hickory Ridge cemetery, which is well cared for and kept up by a cemetery association.

Eliza (Butts) Jenkins was born in Jefferson township, Brown county, June 16, 1835, and died February 12, 1910. She was a daughter of Aaron and Betty (McCarthy) Butts, the latter of whom was born in 1804, and died in January, 1896. Eliza Butts married first, Mr. Eli Carter, and to their union was born one child, Ida, who is now Mrs. George Morris, and is residing near West Union, Adams county, Ohio.

Aaron Butts was born in 1814, and resided with his father, Samuel Butts, and the family, near Georgetown, Ohio, where the latter owned a farm. Aaron Butts died in February, 1894, having followed farming as an occupation all of his active life.

Mrs. John Burbage had nine half-brothers and sisters, of whom six are living. Her father's first marriage was with Olivine Redman, and their children are as follows: William, deceased; Martha J. (Bowman), of Adams county, Ohio; Lucinda, deceased; Maurice L., of Huntington township, Brown county; Bell (Brumley), of Liberty township, Adams county, Ohio; Henry, of Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio; Olivine (Adamson), of Spriggs township, Adams county, Ohio; Abner, of Adams county, Ohio; and Minerva, deceased. Mrs. Burbage is the oldest of the second family and was born July 29, 1874; Aaron, born October 10, 1876, died February 16, 1879; and Edgar, born July 8, 1877, died September 28, 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. Burbage have resided at their present home farm since their marriage, and to their union have been born eight children, of whom six are now living, the names being as follows:

William Arthur, who was born May 7, 1894, died July 29, 1895.

Le Roy, born October 22, 1895.

Etta Mirl, born February 6, 1898.

George Ernest, born April 4, 1901.

Ruth Ellen, born August 16, 1904.

Thomas J., born October 3, 1906.

Eldon Lloyd, born July 10, 1909.

Morman, born June 12, 1912, died June 15, 1912.

Wayne F., born June 24, 1913.

Mr. Burbage votes for the men and measures of the Democratic party, and served as land appraiser in 1910. He ap-



praised Huntington township, which was the first appraisal in ten years.

The social relations of our subject are with the Masonic order of Aberdeen, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, also of Aberdeen, Ohio.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Burbage attend the Christian church, he giving generously toward the support of that denomination.

Mr. John Burbage is recognized in his locality as an authority on stock raising, his success in this line of business has been so very marked. He is a good citizen, and takes an active interest in all that tends to promote the welfare of the community.

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### WILLIAM M. GARDNER.

Mr. William M. Gardner, one of the prominent and reliable farmers and raisers of fine stock in Brown county, is a resident living near Decatur in Byrd township, on a farm which has been in the possession of some member or descendant of the Henry family since 1854. Mr. Gardner is an energetic and representative agriculturist and is well and favorably known throughout this section of the county. He was born in Union township, Brown county, September 18, 1868, and is a son of John W. Gardner, whose life record appears on another page of this work.

William M. Gardner resided at the home of his father until his marriage, and thus obtained a good education in practical farming, which has been of great help to him in his occupation of farmer.

Mr. William M. Gardner was united in marriage on December 7, 1904, to Miss Agnes Stevenson, who was born in 1874, her parents being John and Mary Adeline (Henry) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in Brown county in October, 1834, and died in June, 1908, a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Moore) Henry, the former of whom was born in 1798, and died in July, 1864, and the latter of whom was born in 1808, and died in September, 1892. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Curry) Moore.

John Stevenson was born near Decatur, Ohio, April 3, 1834, and departed this life February 19, 1903. He was a man of more than ordinary literary ability and was a contributor





to the "Ripley Bee" for over forty years, under the non-deplume of "You Bet!" He was prominent in public life in Brown county for many years, and was well versed in the law, although he did not engaged in the practice of the profession. He served for years in the capacity of justice of the peace in a most satisfactory manner. September 16, 1861, found Mr. Stevenson a member of Company C, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and for three full years he served his country faithfully and well. In 1865, he united with the Presbyterian church, and became one of its most active and useful members. He was a son of Joseph and Nancy (Geeslin) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in 1812, on Lee creek, near Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, and came with her parents to Ohio, in 1818, where she died in 1898.

Joseph Stevenson was born in Brown county in 1804 and died in 1882. He was a merchant and postmaster of Decatur and was the youngest son of Robert and Elizabeth (Baird) Stevenson, the former of whom was born in Maryland in 1759, and the latter of whom was born in 1761. They came to Brown county from Hagerstown, Maryland, and settled near Decatur, bringing with them one child, the others in the family being natives of Brown county.

Mrs. Gardner has the following named brothers and sisters: Luella, who married Charles Henry, resides in the home erected by Samuel Henry, although there is no relationship; Helen, who married C. P. Neel, he being deceased; Samuel Henry; Joseph, of near Decatur; John W.; and Phoebe, wife of Earl Jackson, of Morocco, Ind.

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### JOSEPH A. DYER.

Among the prominent and energetic farmers of Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, none is more deserving of honorable mention than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Dyer owns a well improved farm of one hundred acres, which he has put in a splendid state of cultivation. He was born on this same farm, December 3, 1862, a son of Benjamin and Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer.

Benjamin F. Dyer was born in Henry county, Virginia, in 1836 and died December 1, 1894. He was reared until the age



of sixteen years in Virginia, and there acquired a good common school education. He then ran away from home, joining the John Robinson circus, with whom he traveled for a period of four years. He finally tired of this life and located on a farm adjoining the Addenbrook farm, and there met and married, in 1861, to Miss Jane Addenbrook. He followed the occupation of general farmer and stock raiser, being also a turnpike, bridge and mail contractor. From January, 1879, to May, 1880, he filled the office of warden of the Ohio penitentiary, and served again from 1890 to 1892, under Governor Campbell. He served in the capacity of treasurer of Brown county from 1882 to 1886, and his residence during the terms of office was at Columbus and Georgetown, Ohio. His declining years were spent at Georgetown, where he rested from active labors until his decease. Benjamin F. Dyer was a Democrat in politics, and fraternally was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was in favor of the faith of the Baptist church, and was in every way a most highly esteemed citizen of the county.

Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer was a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in 1839, and her death in 1900. She was a daughter of Henry and Louise Addenbrook, both of whom were natives of Staffordshire, England, where they were married. About 1830, they left the home of their nativity and coming to America located on what is now Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, where they secured one hundred acres of land. He sold this property for two thousand dollars—now worth many hundred times as much. He invested in this farm in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, and the land has since been in the family. Mr. Addenbrook followed the occupation of general farming during his active life, and met with a good degree of success. He was a consistent member of the Christian church, and was active in all worthy enterprises.

The union of Benjamin F. and Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer was blessed with four children, of whom Joseph A., of this mention, is the oldest; Mary L., wife of William M. Thompson, a lawyer and ex-State Senator, residing at Columbus, Ohio; Thomas H., of Allegheny, Pa., is associated with the Nelson-Morris Packing Company, and married Miss Eva Yohe, and Hattie, who married first Dr. J. A. Parker, who died in 1900, and she married a second time, and is now residing in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Joseph A. Dyer received a good education in the high



schools of Williamsburg and Columbus, Ohio. He spent most of his active life in Brown county, thus far, and by his study of the political issues of the day has always taken an active interest in politics. He served as deputy county treasurer from 1882 to 1886, under his father, Benjamin F. Dyer, and has also filled the various township offices, including the county blind commission. He was associated with the Swift Company from 1892 to 1894, and for the past eighteen years he has given his entire attention to the management of his farm and the raising of a good grade of stock.

Mr. Joseph A. Dyer married in Clermont county, Ohio, Miss Emma Britton, who is a native of Brown county, and a daughter of Burwell Britton, a prominent lawyer and farmer. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dyer has been born one daughter, Clara A., wife of Homer A. Martin, residing on the home farm. They have an infant son, Joseph Dyer Martin, born April 7, 1913.

The improvements on the farm of Mr. Dyer were made by his maternal grandfather, and the barn, which was erected in 1837, is in fine condition. He is interested in various enterprises, including a directorship in the First National Bank of Williamsburg.

Socially, Mr. Dyer has membership with the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of Williamsburg. Mr. Dyer and the family attend the Methodist church.

Mr. Dyer is thoroughly practical in his methods and understands his business in every particular, hence meets with success. He is a useful citizen and an honorable man and enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is associated.

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### JAMES A. CUMBERLAND.

Among the successful citizens of Brown county, Ohio, whose prosperity is due largely to their own energy and perseverance, are James A. Cumberland and wife, who own and operate a well cultivated farm of four hundred and fifty acres in Pike township. In connection with his business as general farmer Mr. Cumberland gives much attention to the raising of good grade stock, more especially to Shropshire and Delane sheep. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, near Sicily, January 5, 1851, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Starr) Cumberland.





Thomas Cumberland was born in Highland county, Ohio, January 15, 1817, and died November 23, 1863, after a useful and active life as a general farmer, in which business he met with well deserved success. He was a staunch Republican in politics and was a devout member of the Presbyterian church. He was a son of Thomas Cumberland, who was born in western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and came to Brown county before 1800, residing on Red Oak creek for a time, then removing to Highland county, where he lived until his death, in 1857, at the age of about eighty-three years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was a son of the first of the name in America, his father having been born in Ireland, settling first in Pennsylvania.

Sarah (Starr) Cumberland was born near Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in her native county, July 14, 1898. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Walker) Starr, both natives of Greenbriar county, Virginia. They came to Ohio in youth, in 1818, with their parents and grandparents, and their marriage occurred at Hillsboro, Highland county. John Starr was a son of Aleck Starr, whose wife was a daughter of Alexander Hanson, who also lived in Highland county. Sarah (Starr) Cumberland was one of eight children, one of whom, Mrs. Julia Garner, of Lynchburg, Ohio, is living.

A brother of Aleck Starr owned some six hundred acres of land situated on the site of the present city of Baltimore, Md. He leased this land for ninety-nine years, about 1804. After the expiration of the lease the courts advertised for heirs and thousands of "Stars" responded.

In the family of Mr. Thomas and Sarah (Starr) Cumberland were eleven children, whose names are as follows:

William, of Mobile, Ala., aged seventy-two years.

John, of Salina, Kan., is sixty-six years of age.

Joseph, of Lynchburg, Ohio, is sixty-four years of age.

James A., the subject of this mention, is sixty-two years old.

Granville B., of Columbiana county, Ohio, is sixty years old.

Samantha, aged sixty-eight, is the widow of Riley Hall, of Sardinia, Brown county, Ohio.

Sarah Belle, aged fifty-seven, is the wife of Robert Peddicord, of Sicily, Highland county, Ohio.

Mary, widow of Dr. M. W. Hayes, resides at Norwood, Ohio, and is fifty-one years of age.



Three children died in infancy.

James A. Cumberland was reared to farm life, and as the years passed, became proficient in the labor of the fields. He remained at the parental home in Highland county until his marriage, which occurred in 1876, after which event he removed to Brown county. The union of Mr. Cumberland and Miss Caroline Dunn was solemnized in Brown county, where she was born, February 20, 1856, her parents being James H. and Elizabeth (Day) Dunn, both early residents of Brown county and both now deceased. Mr. Dunn was born in north-eastern Ohio, in 1808, and died at the age of ninety-one years.. Mrs. Dunn died at the age of seventy-seven years and was a native of Clermont county, Ohio.

Mrs. Cumberland is the youngest of eleven children, all of whom lived to a marriageable age and all had families before the death of either parent. They are as follows: Ira died recently at the age of seventy-eight years; Abbie (Calvin) resides at Mt. Orab at the age of eighty past; Julia (Tracy), aged seventy-eight years, resides at Georgetown, Ohio; Elizabeth (Courts), aged seventy-three years, died near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1912; Perry T. died in 1911, about seventy years of age, near Mt. Orab, Ohio; Orman, of Georgetown, is sixty-nine years old and is retired; Ellen (Vance), aged sixty-seven, resides at Macon, Brown county, Ohio; James, who is sixty-five, years of age, resides at Washington Court House, Ohio; John, who is sixty-two years of age, resides in Sardinia, Ohio; Joseph, aged sixty years, resides at Georgetown, Ohio; and Mrs. Cumberland, wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumberland have three children:

Vida Belle, wife of Charles Muir, of Indianapolis, where Mr. Muir is a wholesale milliner. They are the parents of two children, Dwight and Dorothy.

Fannie, wife of W. L. Plummer, a druggist of Sardinia, Ohio. They have one child, Thomas.

Clark D. is a farmer and is associated in the operation of the home farm. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Hauk, who died in 1912, leaving one daughter, Virginia Ruth, aged four years.

In this sketch are mentioned seven generations.

When Mr. Cumberland came to Brown county, in 1876, he had very little capital with which to begin farming, but his wife inherited two hundred and fifty-eight acres of land, to which they have added at different times until they now have





a fine farm, which Mr. Cumberland has greatly improved. He has devoted his entire time and attention to the business of an agriculturalist and is recognized as a first-class farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Cumberland is an old-line Republican and has served on the school board, being interested in educational matters, having taught school in Highland, Adams and Brown counties in his younger days.

Socially, Mr. Cumberland is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 434, of Mt. Orab, and is past master. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, also, at Mt. Orab.

Religiously, Mr. Cumberland embraces the faith of the Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Cumberland believes in the creed of the Methodist church.

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#### S. B. SHELDON.

S. B. Sheldon, M. D., one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Brown county, Ohio, and one who has reached this position through manly endeavor and a most strenuous life, is a citizen in which Brown county takes great pride. Dr. Sheldon has practiced his profession at Five-Mile, Sterling township, Brown county, for the past forty-four years, and by his skill, attention and fidelity, he has endeared himself to all with whom he has been associated. The birth of Dr. Sheldon took place at Bantam, Clermont county, and his natal day is December 16, 1842. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bradbury) Sheldon.

Thomas Sheldon was a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred August 11, 1807, and his death on the 31st of March, 1884. He came west when about the age of seventeen years, locating at Cincinnati for a time, and later removed to Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, where he read law. He was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession in the county court; was one of the three judges of the county court for some two terms. Mr. Sheldon was a minister of the Christian church for many years and held the office of clerk of the Southern Ohio Christian Conference for over thirty years, the oldest clerk in the State at the time. He removed to Brown county, in 1853, and purchased a farm in Sterling township, his home until his decease. He was a Whig and an old-line



Republican in politics and held the various offices in the township, including justice of the peace. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Burr) Sheldon, who came from New Jersey to Darke county, Ohio, where Thomas Sheldon, Sr., conducted a grist and saw mill at Eaton, Ohio, until their passing. The Sheldon family is of English descent, three brothers of the name coming together to America from England. The Sheldons in America are all related and all had large families.

Elizabeth (Bradbury) Sheldon was from New England, coming to Clermont county, Ohio, with her parents, Samuel Bradbury and wife, the former of whom was probably a farmer, and died in the 1830's. Elizabeth Bradbury was born in 1811 and died in November, 1866. She was the mother of six children, of whom one sister of our subject is living—Mrs. Anna Connor, wife of Taylor Connor, of near Crosstown, Sterling township. Those deceased are: Mary, married David McMullen; Caroline, married Absalom Scott; Elizabeth, married Rev. C. W. Garoutte, of the Christian church; and Lydia, married Alfred Connor.

Dr. Sheldon received the education afforded by the schools of the country and at Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio. He was but nineteen years of age when he enlisted in Company G, Forty-eighth regiment, Ohio volunteers, at Camp Dennison, in defense of his country. He served first in Gen. W. T. Serman's division for about one year, and after the battle of Corinth was transferred to the Thirteenth corps, under General McClelland. Dr. Sheldon participated in many engagements, among which were Shiloh, through advance movements, and the siege of Corinth, in front of Vicksburg, up the Yazoo river, Arkansas Post (or Fort Hindman), at Port Gibson, at Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, at Crossing of Black River, and, all through the siege of Vicksburg, including the assault of May 22, 1863. After the fall of Vicksburg, he went to Jackson, where he participated all through the campaign. Later he was transferred to the Gulf Department and went to Texas, and thence to Louisiana, where he was placed on detached service and sent to Columbus. His regiment was taken prisoners at Shreveport, but he was not with them, as he had remained at Columbus, and was discharged January 17, 1865, never having been seriously injured.

At the close of the war Dr. Sheldon returned to his home, and, in 1866, took up the study of medicine with Dr. A. F. Deniston, of Westborough, Ohio. In March, 1869, he grad-



uated at Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, and at once began the practice of his profession at his present home, and has continued to the present time. During his entire life thus far he has enjoyed the very best of health.

Dr. Sheldon was united in marriage to Mrs. Ruth A. Hockett, who was born in Cincinnati, and is a sister of Dr. A. E. Deniston and a daughter of James S. and Elizabeth (Dilley) Deniston, who were from New Jersey. James S. Deniston was a prominent business man of Cincinnati for many years and was also a resident of Clinton county, Ohio, for some time, his death occurring at Columbus in 1864. Mrs. Sheldon's brother, Dr. A. F. Deniston, past eighty years of age, is still practicing his profession at Westboro, Ohio. They two are the only ones of the family now living.

Dr. Sheldon erected the substantial home many years ago and the farm is located on the Marathon and Buford pike. He has a step-daughter, Hattie M., whose husband, Harry L. Appgear, is a clerk in a store at Mt. Orab and owns two farms in Sterling township.

The political views of Dr. Sheldon are in accord with those of the Republican party and he has filled the various local offices.

The fraternal affiliations of Dr. Sheldon are with the Masonic order, at Williamsburg, and he is a member of the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mt. Orab, and of Lynchburg Encampment. He has been pension examiner for twenty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon are members of the Five-Mile Christian Church and are active in all worthy affairs of that denomination.

Dr. Sheldon is a prominent member of the Brown County, the Ohio State, and the American Medical societies. An enthusiast in his profession and one whose ability is recognized generally in this section, Dr. Sheldon is also a good citizen and takes an active interest in all that promotes the welfare of Brown county.

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### ALLEN HUTCHINSON.

Mr. Allen Hutchinson, a prominent farmer and stockman, and highly respected citizen of Sterling township, Brown county, owns a fine, fertile farm of one hundred and four acres,





which he has splendidly improved. He was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, September 14, 1870, and is a son of Enoch and Serene (Jester) Hutchinson.

Enoch Hutchinson was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1847, and died in 1877 at the age of thirty years. He was a son of Robert and Jemima (Harlow) Hutchinson. The former died about 1893 and the latter is a resident of Williamsburg township at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Robert Hutchinson was an Eastern gentleman by birth, and the Harlow family was among the first settlers of Jackson township. Enoch Hutchinson was a farmer by business and a soldier in the Civil war, in the same company with Dr. Redrow, mentioned elsewhere. He was one of six children: William, of Norwood, Ohio; Frank, who is now deceased, was a soldier in the cavalry during the Civil war; J. W., of Williamsburg township, a teacher for many years in the county; and Enoch, the youngest.

Serene (Jester) Hutchinson was a native of Jackson township, Clermont county, and died about 1875, a young woman. She was a daughter of Isaac and Phoebe Jester, who came to Clermont from New Jersey in pioneer days, being among the first families to locate in this section.

The boyhood of Mr. Allen Hutchinson was spent on his father's farm in Clermont county, and his mental training was obtained in the district schools, which was afterward completed in normal school at Danville, Ind. For a period of twelve years following his graduation from the normal school he was engaged in teaching in both Clermont and Brown counties.

Mr. Hutchinson married Miss Cora Hutton, a native of Sterling township, Brown county, and is a daughter of John Hutton, a farmer and stockraiser.

John Hutton was born in Brown county, Ohio, March 24, 1850, and is a son of William and Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton. Since the age of two years Mr. Hutton has resided on his present farm in Sterling township and has followed farming successfully all his life. He is a Republican and has served in the various local offices. He is a son of William and Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton, the former of whom was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, October 30, 1805, and whose death occurred May 26, 1879, in Brown county, where he settled in 1829. He was a carpenter and builder and in later years engaged in farming. Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton was born in Bracken



county, Kentucky, February 22, 1809, and died in Brown county, Ohio, May 31, 1890. Her father died in Kentucky and her mother married Mr. Fite and removed to Brown county.

Maggie (Conner) Hutton was born and reared in Sterling township, and is a daughter of Ira and Melinda (Arthur) Conner, early residents of Brown county, coming from Vermont. To the union of John and Maggie (Conner) Hutton have been born three children: Myra, wife of Delmer Waite, a prominent stockman of Williamsburg, Ohio; Mrs. Allen Hutchinson; and Miss Bertha, at home.

Mr. Allen Hutchinson votes the Republican ticket and is interested in all educational matters, having served as a member and president of the board of education of Sterling township.

Socially, Mr. Hutchinson is a member of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of Williamsburg, and both he and Mrs. Hutchinson are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are active members and liberal supporters of the Methodist church, of Taylor's Chapel.

For the past eighteen years Mr. Hutchinson has devoted his attention to the business of general farming, and the success which he has won is due entirely to his own energetic and persevering efforts.

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### HOWARD W. HOLMAN.

Mr. Howard W. Holman, whose excellent farm of sixty-two acres is situated in Sterling township, near Mt. Orab, Brown county, Ohio, was born in Sterling township, February 1, 1869, a son of Francis and Amy A. (Mount) Holman.

Mr. Holman was reared and educated in Sterling township, Brown county, and his early training along the lines of agriculture led him to choose that occupation as a life vocation.

In the spring of 1900 Mr. Howard W. Holman married Miss Lottie Mount, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 14, 1878, a daughter of William and Mary (Young) Mount, the former of whom was born in Warren county, Ohio, on 1840, and died April 26, 1910. Mary (Young) Mount died in the early 1880's in her thirty-ninth year. She was the mother of six children, three of whom are now living: Lottie,





Mrs. Holman; Neely resides on the home farm in Green township; and Leonard is in the employ of the street railway company at Cincinnati. Those deceased were: Gilbert, Lizzie and Walter, the brothers having passed away in childhood.

Mrs. Holman was reared and educated in Green township, Brown county, Ohio, from the age of eighteen months. She and Mr. Holman are the parents of four children: Bertha May died on May 6, 1907, at the age of six years; Effie, born October 26, 1902; Clarence M., born April 28, 1907; and Wilbur William, born August 26, 1910..

In politics, Mr. Holman is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and socially he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias at Williamsburg.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Holman are earnest members of the Christian church and are liberal supporters of that denomination. Mr. Holman is widely and favorably known in Brown county as an enterprising and energetic farmer and stockraiser.

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#### ERNEST L. HOLMAN.

Mr. Ernest L. Holman, who is engaged in general farming and stockraising, giving especial attention to the raising of sheep, cattle and hogs, is a highly esteemed resident of Sterling township, Brown county, and owns and operates the old home farm of his father, Francis Holman. Ernest L. Holman was born in Brown county, December 28, 1866, and his parents were Francis and Amy A. (Mount) Holman.

Francis Holman was born in New Jersey, near Trenton, in 1799, and passed from this life in 1884. In the early 1820's he accompanied his brother, James B. Holman, whose sketch appears in these volumes, to Clermont county, locating near Williamsburg. About 1868, Mr. Holman secured a farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Brown county and engaged in the occupation of farming. He also had a farm near Delapalma and at one time owned the farm now the property of Mr. E. S. Moorhead. He was three times married and was the father of some thirteen or fourteen children, Ernest I. being one of the three of the last union.

Amy Mount was born near Batavia, Clermont county, in 1834, and departed this life January 4, 1912. She was a daughter of Nancy (Duckwall) Mount, who died in the winter of



1912, in her ninety-eighth year. Amy Mount married, first, Mr. Ranson, who died and she became the third wife of Mr. Francis Holman. They reared three sons: Francis A., who was born July 24, 1865, is a farmer of Sterling township and married Lucinda Simpkins, and they have three children, Mabel married Charles Rounds, Earl and Hattie, the latter twins, at home; Ernest L., the subject of this mention, and Howard W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere on these pages.

Ernest L. Holman married Miss Stella McAfee, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, a daughter of David and Mary (Brown) McAfee. He has been a resident of Brown county all his life and has been engaged thus far in the occupation of farming, with a gratifying degree of success. His upright life and honorable conduct have won for him the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens.

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#### CLARENCE G. LONG.

Mr. Clarence G. Long, a prosperous farmer and successful stockraiser of Sterling township, Brown county, is a representative of a family who for four generations have been prominent in the affairs and enterprises of this section of Ohio. The birth of Mr. Long occurred near Eastwood, Sterling township, November 10, 1868, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Widmeyer) Long.

Thomas Long was born opposite the present home of Mr. Clarence Long, of this review, in the year 1845, and has lived in Sterling township all his life thus far, and is by occupation a blacksmith, being considered the best horseshoer in this section. He is still active in business and resides near Eastwood. He has always taken an active interest in politics and is in favor of all measures that tend to the advancement of the public. He is a member of the Masonic order, Harmony Lodge No. 435, Mt. Orab. He is a son of Joseph R. Long.

Joseph R. Long was born at Clover, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in Brown county, in 1906. He was a blacksmith by trade, in connection with which he operated a productive farm. He was also a local Methodist minister of the early days. He was a son of Thomas Jefferson Long.

Thomas Jefferson Long came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania some time prior to 1800 and located at Rural.



The trip was made in the usual way by flatboat down the Ohio river. In 1811 he was conducting a tavern at Williamsburg and a little later secured a farm which he operated and which was near Clover, where he died. After this event the widow and the family removed to near New Harmony, Brown county.

Elizabeth (Widmeyer) Long was born in 1846 and is an earnest and active member of the Methodist church. She is the mother of four children, whose names follow: Clarence G., our subject; Harriet, wife of Dr. Frank Lewis, a dentist of Quincy, Ohio. She married, first, Thomas Eggleston, by whom she had one child. The Egglestons were of Virginia and came to Brown county about war times; Joseph R. resides with his parents; Dotte, wife of Thomas Taylor, a blacksmith, of near Eastwood.

Clarence G. Long was united in marriage to Miss Pearl G. Bindley, who was born at their present home, the ceremony having taken place on the 25th of December, 1889, at Newport, Ky. She is a daughter of H. J. and Anna (Collins) Bindley, both of whom are deceased.

Hiram J. Bindley was born in Pennsylvania, April 23, 1835, and died in March, 1909. When a young man Mr. Bindley learned the trade of machinist, which he followed until he came to Ohio, in 1859. In 1860 he married Annie S., daughter of Edward Collins, who was born in September, 1834, and to them were born four children: Ida, wife of Hugh Dyer, of Pittsburgh, in the United States mail service; Harry E., of Terre Haute, Ind.; Annie and Pearl, who is Mrs. Long. Mr. Bindley was extensively engaged in public works of Brown and Clermont counties, also counties adjoining these, for some seven years, in addition to attending his well kept farm on the Williamsburg and Mt. Orab pike, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Long. He was a son of Edward and Rebecca (Newly) Bindley, of English descent.

The grandfather of Mr. Hiram J. Bindley, who had settled in Pennsylvania, was loyal to the King of England, and on the opening of the war of 1812 returned to England with his family. As Edward was not yet of age he was also compelled to return with the others, but on the night before his twenty-first birthday he packed up his belongings to return to America, locating at Pittsburgh. Later his brothers followed him and became wealthy iron and steel operators. Edward Bindley remained in Pittsburgh until about 1840, when he removed to Newport, Ky., engaging in milling and carpentering. In later life he





removed to Loveland, Clermont county, Ohio, where he died, at the age of ninety-seven years.

John A. Bindley, a brother of Hiram J. Bindley, resides at Blanchester, Ohio, where he owns the Bindley block, including the hotel, bank and other business enterprises. Another brother, Edward Bindley, is a druggist of Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Long have two daughters, Ida Mabel and Inez Rebecca.

Mr. Long is a practical farmer and is thoroughly conversant with all lines of this business. He is interested in other enterprises also, and has stock in the First National Bank, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Long takes an active part in politics, being a member of the Republican party, and has served in the various local offices. He has also served on the school board.

Socially, Mr. Long has membership with the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mrs. Long and the daughters are consistent members of the Methodist church; also active members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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### SQUIRE WILLIAM HIGHT.

Squire William Hight is one of the prominent, self-made men of Brown county, Ohio, and is widely known in his locality both as an influential public official and as an honorable private citizen. For a period of twenty years, Mr. Hight has served as notary public and for eighteen years has filled the office of justice of the peace. Mr. William Hight owns a beautiful little farm of twenty-six acres on the Williamsburg and Mt. Orab pike, in Sterling township, which is a part of a farm of seventy acres he formerly owned. The birth of Squire William Hight occurred in Brown county, on the Clermont line, September 13, 1834, and his parents were Allison and Nancy (Trout) Hight.

Allison Hight was a native of New Jersey, his birth having taken place near Hightstown and Trenton, in 1798, and his death, in November, 1873, in Clermont county, Ohio, at the home of Squire William Hight, the subject of this mention. Allison Hight was a shoemaker and gunsmith and at the age of eighteen years came to Clermont county, where he resided for many years. He was a sincere Christian, although not a



member of any denomination. His father was Nicholas Hight, who came to Clermont county about 1818, where he resided in Stonelick township until his death at the ripe old age of ninety years.

Nancy (Trout) Hight was born in Clermont county in 1789, a daughter of Morris Trout, a pioneer of Clermont, coming probably from Pennsylvania. Nancy (Trout) Hight passed from this life in 1837, leaving children as follows: Martha, married James Penn, a steam boat engineer, and they went West; John, who died at the age of twelve years; Isaiah and Peter, deceased; William, our subject, and James, who died in childhood.

William Hight grew to young manhood in Clermont county and attended the district schools, having rather limited advantages in education. He served an apprenticeship with Mr. Abner H. Nichols (great uncle of Lieutenant-Governor H. L. Nichols), who was a carpenter and cabinet maker. In those days, carpenters made sash and moldings and in this occupation, he continued for a period of twenty-five years. He assisted in the building of many houses and barns in Clermont and Brown counties, and his activity was crowned with success.

In 1874, Squire Hight removed to a farm in Brown county and in 1882, became the owner of his present home in Sterling township, which he has remodeled and put in fine, modern condition. Since that time he has devoted more attention to the pursuits of agriculture.

In 1861, Mr. Hight was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Davison, a sister of James Davidson, the spelling of which has been changed in later years by some members of the family. Mrs. Hight was born in Clermont county in 1840, and passed to her eternal reward in 1895. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hight were born seven children, namely:

Allen E., at home, married Miss Rosa Reynolds, who died in 1888, at the age of twenty years, their two children having died in infancy.

William Henry died at the age of eleven months.

Arie Etta, married Abijah Bottles, and died leaving one child.

Miss Kate, of Middletown, Ohio.

Nannie, wife of D. E. Sroufe, of Middletown, Ohio.

Miss Rebecca, is at home and is her father's housekeeper.

Belle Minerva, died unmarried in 1903, aged thirty years.





Emma, wife of Samuel Shannon, is the mother of five children.

Mr. William Hight entered the army of the Civil war in 1864, in Company K, Fifty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and was later transferred to Company A, Fifty-first regiment. He was in active service at the front, entering the Hood campaign, at the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., June 29, 1865, and returned to his home, there to resume his business.

In politics, Mr. Hight has always voted the Democratic ticket, and has served in the various local offices, including two terms as township trustee in Clermont county, beside two terms in the same office in Brown county.

Socially, Mr. Hight has membership with the Grand Army of the Republic Post, at Williamsburg, Ohio.

For over forty years, Mr. Hight has been an active and earnest member of the Methodist church of Salem, Ohio. His life is in accord with his profession of faith and his many friends and acquaintances honor and respect him. He is a steward of the church and has been sent as delegate and class leader since 1872.

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### JOHN C. DEENY.

Mr. John C. Deeny, whose splendid farm consisting of one hundred and forty-three well cultivated acres in Sterling township, on the Chillicothe pike, in Brown county, Ohio, proves his efficiency as a farmer and has reached a position of importance among the prominent business men of the county. Mr. Deeny was born in Cincinnati, July 1, 1853, and is a son of Bernard and Ellen (McWilliams) Deeny.

Bernard Deeny was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to America in the '40s, as a young man, serving in the Mexican war under General Scott, and finally locating at Cincinnati, where he engaged as a mechanic, being employed in the iron mills in that city. He married there, about 1850, and in 1860 removed to Iowa, locating in Allamakee county, where he and his wife departed this life.

Ellen (McWilliams) Deeny was also a native of Ireland, her birth occurring in County Derry, and before 1840, her parents sailed for America with their family. They resided at various points in Pennsylvania, and also in Ohio, before com-



ing to Cincinnati. About 1842 or 1843, the family came to Brown county, securing a farm at Five Mile, in Sterling township.

John C. Deeny was reared in the home of his grandparents and attended the school at Georgetown, Ohio, and later he became a student of the normal school of Lebanon, Ohio. For several years after his education was finished, Mr. Deeny engaged in the profession of teaching in Brown county. In 1886, he purchased his present home farm, known as the Major Ross place. The major formerly represented Brown county in the Ohio legislature.

Mr. Deeny has replaced the old brick home with a modern frame building, and has made many valued improvements on the farm, which had been neglected for some time.

Miss Mary Ann McWilliams, an aunt of Mr. Deeny's, resides with him and makes a most comfortable home.

In politics, Mr. Deeny is a Democrat, and served his party in the capacity of township clerk of Sterling township, for a term of four years, and for the past fourteen years has filled the office of treasurer of Sterling township.

In religious matters, Mr. Deeny embraces the faith of the Catholic church and has membership at Fayetteville, Ohio.

Mr. Deeny has a reputation for upright and honorable dealing, and is a first class farmer, understanding how to avail himself of modern methods in the cultivating of his land. In both public and private life, he is a gentleman of never failing courtesy.

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#### EDWARD P. PATTON.

Mr. Edward P. Patton, one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of Green township, Brown county, owns a productive and well cultivated farm of one hundred and three acres on the Marathon pike. Mr. Patton has also another farm in the northern part of Green township. He was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, April 7, 1852, a son of Richard and Rebecca (Irwin) Patton.

James Patton, grandfather of Mr. E. P. Patton of this review, was the first of the name in Ohio and came from Pennsylvania. He was a successful farmer and served in the War of 1812, receiving a pension for that service. He married Miss Margaret Klein, a native of Warren county, Ohio



They located in Sterling township and reared a family of twelve children, three of whom are living: Mrs. Martha Myers, of Sterling township, and Mrs. Emily Lindsey, now of Cincinnati, and John Patton, of Green township. James Patton passed away August 21, 1888, at the age of ninety-four years.

Richard Patton, son of James and Margaret (Klein) Patton, was born in Warren county, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days, coming to Brown county with his parents as a young man. Richard was a cooper by trade in his early life, and in later years engaged in farming. His death took place in 1904.

Rebecca (Irwin) Patton was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Robert and Mary Irwin, who reared several children, all now deceased. She passed from this life in 1897. Her marriage was blessed with nine children, five of whom are now living: Margaret, married first, Mr. Allen, and second, Mr. Cyrus L. Shumard, and they reside at Blanchester, Ohio; Mary Louisa, deceased; William W., a farmer of Green township; Edward P., our subject; Ruth F., deceased; John R., deceased; Richard M., residing in Green township, and is engaged in farming; Minerva May, deceased; Sarah Isdell (Watson), of Green township.

Edward P. Patton grew up on his father's farm, and assisted in the clearing and developing of the home farm. He received but limited educational advantages. He remained on the farm until his first marriage, which occurred in 1874, to Miss Hannah Simpkins, who died in June, 1895, in her thirty-ninth year.

Mr. Patton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brown in 1896, and to them have been born four children: Carroll, born April 19, 1898, is at home attending school; Velma Alberta, born September 14, 1899, is attending school; Beulah Idell, born June 21, 1902, in school; and Lorena Alveretta, born September 29, 1910.

Since March 12, 1888, Mr. Patton has occupied his present farm, and has made many noticeable improvements, including a large modern house, barn and convenient out buildings. The farm is finely equipped with modern machinery, and the well-tended appearance of the home and farm denote pride and industry.

Mr. Patton received fifteen hundred dollars from his father





toward the purchase of the farm home, and by his energy and enterprise he has accumulated two fine and productive farms. He is a man of more than ordinary good common sense, and is possessed of a genial and courteous manner, which has won for him many fast friends.

Mr. Patton is in favor of the principles of the Republican party and has served his party as supervisor and a member of the board of education.

The religious relations of Mr. and Mrs. Patton are with the Christian church of Five Mile, and to that denomination they give generously of their means.

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### JOHN J. CUSHING, SR.

John J. Cushing, Sr., one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of Berry township, Brown county, Ohio, owns a splendidly improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres northeast of Fayetteville. His farm property formerly consisted of over four hundred acres, but the balance is now operated and owned by his sons. Mr. Cushing was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 31, 1845, a son of John and Margaret (O'Rourke) Cushing.

John Cushing was a native of Ireland, his birth having taken place in County Limerick, in 1807. In 1837, he left his birthplace, and accompanied by his wife and a baby daughter embarked for America. They spent three years in New York, after which Cincinnati was their home for a number of years, their residence being on Price Hill. In the fall of 1849, they located in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, on what is still the family home. The original farm consisted of one hundred acres, which in later years has been added to by Mr. John Cushing of this review. John Cushing was a son of Edward Cushing and wife, and they remained in the country of their nativity. The religious faith of John and Margaret (O'Rourke) Cushing was evidenced by their membership of the Catholic church. He died January 2, 1887, at the age of eighty years, while his wife died December 2, 1881, aged seventy-four years. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom lived to reach mature years. Of the two who lived, the subject of this mention and a sister, Mary, who became a Sister of Charity at Mt. St. Joseph, on the Ohio; she



died in 1896, at the age of sixty-three years, after a life devoted to her church.

John Cushing, Sr., has resided at his present home in Perry township since the age of four years. He enjoyed the educational privileges of the public schools of his locality, after which he attended the commercial school of Fayetteville for a term of two years. Since his graduation he has devoted his attention to the occupation of farming along progressive lines.

On February 22, 1870, John Cushing was united in marriage to Miss Ann Campbell, who was born in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, October 27, 1845, a daughter of John and Hannah (Boyle) Campbell, both natives of Ireland. John Campbell came to America in 1837, and remained for a time, after which he returned to Ireland, where he was married. In 1842, he brought his wife to America, and they settled at once in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, and there their ten children were born, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Daniel, Charles, John, Ann, Margaret, Mary, Catherine, Ellen and Cecelia. Catherine became a Sister of Charity and a teacher at Mt. St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cushing have become the parents of two sons and five daughters, namely:

Edward, a farmer of Perry township, married Susan Barry and they have one daughter, Anna Marie.

Mary, wife of William McCafferty, of Marathon, Clermont county, Ohio, is the mother of one son, William.

John, is a farmer of Perry township and married Ellen McDonald, and they have three children—Mary, John and Ellen.

Miss Cecelia, Miss Nora and Miss Margaret are at home.

Nellie, became a Sister of Charity at Mt. St. Joseph.

Mr. John Cushing is an inflexible adherent of the Democratic principles, having given his support to that party since he reached his majority. He has held various offices of public trust, including supervisor, township treasurer and school director for some forty years. In the fall of 1893, he was appointed under Cleveland as deputy collector of United States revenue, serving for a term of four years.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Cushing are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Fayetteville, in which they have always been earnest and efficient workers.

Mr. Cushing was one of the original members of the county election board. He resigned when appointed revenue collector, but was re-appointed and has served for the past six





years. He was one of the organizers of the Independent Telephone Company, and at present is serving that company as president. For a period of fifteen years he was in partnership with the late Mr. John McConn, in the implement, grain and stock business at Fayetteville.

Mr. Cushing is numbered among the substantial business men of Brown county, and his success in business life is attributable to his reliableness in all his dealings. He is a man of whom Brown county is proud.

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### IRA KING.

Ira King, president of the Ira King Lumber Company, belongs to one of the leading families of Sardinia, Brown county. He is a valued member of the Sardinia Band, and has attained remarkable success in business for a man of his age. He is a native of Scioto county, Ohio, born in 1874, son of Henry and Mary Alice (Hazelbaker) King. Henry King was born in Illinois, March 19, 1844, and his wife was born near Otway, Scioto county, September 14, 1854. They lived near Otway, Brush creek township, but now reside at Peebles, Adams county, Ohio. The father was a carpenter and worked at his trade until 1886, when old age compelled him to retire from active life and he removed to Peebles. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the Union army, serving four years and five months in the Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He ran away from home, accompanying an older brother who had to go. Although he was under age, he was accepted, because he accompanied his brother and because he really had no home, his mother being deceased. He had been living with a grandmother, who had reared him. They served under Grant and Sherman, and the younger brother had no furlough in this time and spent but three days in a hospital, then on account of measles. His first wife was Miss Angeline Smith, born February 26, 184—, and whose parents lived in Scioto county. They had two children: H. C., of Marion, Ohio, and F. F., of Los Angeles, Cal. Henry King was married (second) to Mary Alice Hazelbaker, and they became the parents of six children: Ira; Rowena married Harold Wickerham, and died in February, 1901, being buried in Locust Grove cemetery, near Peebles; Deffie married Edward Hamilton



and they live in Winchester, Adams county; Homer lives in Seaman, Ohio; Charles is married and lives at Peebles, Ohio, and Herschel lives at home.

Mr. King attended school near Otway, and in youth learned the trade of carpenter with his father, working with the latter several years. Later he spent four years in business as contractor, and in February, 1906, came to Sardinia and established the Ira King Lumber Company. He also has lumber interests in Mt. Orab. The four King brothers and Edward Hamilton, their brother-in-law, have eight lumber yards, located in various places, Winchester, Peebles, Seaman, Sardinia, Mt. Orab, Marion, Russellville and Camden. The company deals in lumber and other building materials, such as brick, plaster, lath, hardware, cement, glass, shingles, and various other materials, which figure in the construction of buildings. They manufacture concrete buildings blocks and ship a quantity of them, as well as other material, to Cincinnati and other points. Their plant in Sardinia is in the eastern part of the village, and the firm has a high reputation in business circles. Mr. King is largely self-made, and built up a prosperous business by hard work and energy, beginning as a young man with limited means and making the most of his opportunities. He is one of the best known business men of the county, and has a reputation for square dealing. He has erected a modern home in the eastern part of town, the only cement house in the village, and probably one of the finest of the kind in the county. He is much interested in the welfare and progress of the community, and he and his family command universal respect. He is a Republican in politics and formerly held the office of member of the school board in Sardinia six years. Fraternally he is a Mason.

On July 30, 1895, Mr. King was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Nixon, born in Newport, Ohio, in 1878, daughter of David and Mary A. (Eakins) Nixon, natives of Ohio, and residents of Peebles. Mr. Nixon was born October 12, 1842, and his wife February 15, 1849. He served in the Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry, under Generals Grant and Sherman, and was shot in the right arm. He spent two months on furlough at home. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Adams county: James N., of Peebles; Annabell, wife of Albert Hood, of Cleveland; Pearl, wife of R. A. Martin, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. King; Ora, wife of Frank Gowdy, of Peebles; R. A. is single and lives at home; Josephine, Mrs.



Crossley, of Los Angeles. Mr. Nixon was a faithful soldier and made a good record. He had two brothers, Jonas and James, in the Civil war. He had another brother, George, and two sisters, Sarah and Nancy, but he is the only survivor.

Mr. and Mrs. King have had five children, all except one born in Adams county:

Elise, born April 18, 1889, attending high school in Sardinia.

David Henry, born February 15, 1901, died September 10th of the same year.

James Robert, born October 26, 1902.

Ruby Nixon, born September 22, 1904.

Nellie Ellen, born in Sardinia, October 9, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. King are devout members of the Christian church and supporters of many good and worthy movements for the betterment of the community. They have a large number of friends in various circles.

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### WILLIAM C. SAVAGE.

Mr. William C. Savage is the owner of one hundred acres of good land in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, and is conducting a general farming and stock raising business in accordance with the progressive ideas of modern times, and since October, 1912, has engaged in the insurance business with the Hartford Company. He is meeting with success in all his undertakings, and his honest dealings have won for him an enviable reputation. He was born in Perry township, Brown county, March 19, 1869, a son of George and Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage.

George Savage was born in 1800, and was a native of County Dublin, Ireland. He came to America as a young man, first stopping in New York for some years, and finally settling in Brown county, where he purchased a timbered farm in Perry township, which he cleared and made his home until his death, in 1888. He married after coming to Brown county, and became the father of thirteen children. Although he had but a limited education, not being able to write his own name, he was a very successful business man. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Martin Catholic church, the wood for the burning of the brick of which this church was built, Mr. Savage furnished free.





Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage was reared in Brown county, Ohio, being left an orphan, with a brother, Charles, and they were put out with different families, she with "Old Pap Savage." She was married on the place in front of the convent, and remembered the first church that was built there and the first priest that said mass. Charles was reared in Montgomery county, Ohio, where he died, about 1901. Mrs. Savage passed from this life in her ninetieth year, she also being a devout member of the Catholic church.

Of the thirteen children born to the union of George and Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage, eight are living, and all of these with the exception of two, living at Blanchester, Ohio, and one at Marathon, Ohio, are residents of Brown county.

Mr. William C. Savage was reared and has lived near his birthplace all his life thus far. He attended the public schools and also the church school and spent two years at the Fayetteville High School. He has given most of his attention to the occupation of farming, making all the improvements and putting his home farm in a fine condition.

In 1884, Mr. William C. Savage first married Miss Elodie Tissandier, a native of Brown county, Ohio, and her death in 1898 left five children, who are as follows: Laura Isabelle (Colliar); George Alexander, at home; Irene (Clark); Mary Pauline, at home, and Clarence William.

Mr. Savage married for his second wife, Miss Rose McGranaham, who was born in Perry township, a daughter of James and Margaret (Campbell) McGranaham, the former of whom died March, 1909, and the latter of whom is living at the old home, they being early settlers of Brown county. To this union one daughter, Marie Gertrude, has been born.

In politics Mr. Savage is a staunch Democrat, and is now serving for the fourth year as assessor, having been assistant assessor for four years prior to that.

In religious belief, Mr. Savage and the family are members of St. Martin Catholic church.

Mr. Savage has always been engaged in the business of farming, but has had other interests as well. He was engaged for a period of four years in trading and dealing in stock and farm equipments. He spent five years in Highland county, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming and trading, and spent one year in Green township, Brown county. Twenty years ago, he purchased the present home farm, and has made practically all of the improvements.



The success which has made Mr. Savage one of the prominent farmers of this section has been entirely from his own persevering efforts and energy. He is well and favorably known.

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### IRA L. EDGINGTON.

Ira L. Edgington, postmaster of Mt. Orab, Brown county, is well fitted for the position he holds and his service gives unqualified satisfaction to all, irrespective of political affiliations or preferences. He belongs to an old Ohio family, being descended from one of three brothers who were early settlers in Adams county, one of whom drifted to Ross county, one remained in Adams county, and one located in Brown county. Several of their descendants became steam boat men on the Ohio river, and of these many located in Clermont county. Mr. Edgington of this sketch was born near Mt. Orab, Pike township, in 1874, son of Isaac Mills and Mary R. (Pickering) Edgington, now residing in Mt. Orab. Isaac M. Edgington was born in Eagle township, Brown county, in 1845 and his wife was born in Scott township, Brown county, in 1846. He was a farmer in Green township for twenty-five years, and has spent all his life in the county except when he was in the Union army. He enlisted in 1864 in Company K, Seventy-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged at San Antonio, Texas. He and his wife had three children, born in Brown county, namely: Henry A., of Meigs township, Adams county; Etta died at the age of two years, and Ira L.

Mr. Edgington attended the common schools and later took a course in Michaels National Business College of Delaware, Ohio, then taught one year in Jackson township, seven years in Green township, and in 1889 in the Mt. Orab High School. From 1901 to 1911 he was engaged in life, accident and fire insurance business, in Mt. Orab and Cincinnati, then sold out to Robert McGheney, who in turn sold to Samuel Fiscus. He had built up a good patronage and had a good reputation in business circles, but gave up his business to enter upon his present office. He was one of eleven applicants for the position of postmaster at Mt. Orab, took examination September 10th, at Hillsboro, Ohio, and received his appointment October 10th and assumed his duties November 16th. Although a strong Democrat in his political beliefs, he was





appointed under a Republican administration, because of his ability and fitness for office. He always treats the public with courtesy and consideration and conducts the affairs under his charge in a business life manner. He is naturally quick of wit and intelligent and has readily learned the rules and regulations by which the office is to be governed. Fraternally, he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Rebekahs, Pythian Sisters, and has recently been elected for the second year as master of the local Masonic lodge. He has a pleasant home in Mt. Orab, and is counted among the most progressive citizens of the community.

On September 14, 1896, Mr. Edgington was united in marriage with Miss Iva Sroufe, born January 19, 1876, in Green township, Brown county, daughter of Jonatahan and Jane (Wardlow) Sroufe. Mr. Sroufe was born in Scott township, Brown county, in August, 1825, and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Edgington and Mrs. Sroufe, who was born in the same township, in 1829, died February 12, 1905, and was buried in Brown's cemetery, Pike township, Brown county. He was a farmer in Green township, living on one farm over fifty years, and he and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage there. It is only recently that he left the home place to come and live with his daughter. He and his wife had thirteen children, all natives of Brown county, and all except the eldest daughter born on the old home place. Seven of them now survive: Jerry is deceased; Arminda lives with her aged father; George M., of Green township; Jane married John Brown, and both she and her husband are deceased; Eli, a time keeper in the steel rolling mills, married Nannie Hight, and resides in Middletown; Lurinda is the wife of Orlando Wisby and they live in Bethel, Clermont county; Clement L., of Hamersville; Martha, married Grant Peddicord and both she and her husband are deceased; Catherine married Thomas J. Wardlow, and they live near Mt. Orab; John died in infancy; Eve, deceased. and Sarah Iva, Mrs. Edgington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgington are devoted members of the Christian church, in which he is an elder. They have two children: Lelia E., born in 1898, June 20th, attends high school in Mt. Orab, being a member of the Freshman class, and Morris S., born January 20, 1902. Mr. Edgington is largely self-educated and self-made. He has progressed by reason of energy and ability, by upright living and the help of his wife. He is a very fine penman and is careful in all his work. He com-



mands the esteem and respect of his fellow townsmen, and has many friends. Some years since he bought what is known as the Jennings property, and lived ten years on Broad street, but now resides on High street, where he has four acres of land. Mr. Edgington served as town clerk for five years, and was mayor of Mt. Orab for four years.

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### JOSEPH M. STROUP, M. D.

Dr. J. M. Stroup belongs to one of the older families of Brown county and one that has long been identified with medical affairs there. He is one of the leading citizens of Mt. Orab, where he was born, in 1864, son of Michael and Dulcena (Morris) Stroup. Dr. Michael Stroup practiced as a physician and surgeon in Mt. Orab for forty-five years and was highly respected in the community. Three of his brothers served in the Civil war, and one of them was named Joseph, the subject of this sketch being his namesake. Dr. and Mrs. Michael Stroup were well known and had a large number of friends. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1819, and died in 1895, and she was born in Richland county, in 1829, and lives with a son in Mt. Orab. They had five sons and one daughter, all born and reared in Mount Orab; James, of Bethel, Ohio; Dr. Joseph M.; Alice, wife of Clarence Johnson, of Troy, Ohio; Frederick, of Mt. Orab; Clinton, of Green township; Charles, M. D., practicing in Ludlow, Ky. Dr. Stroup, Sr., was a Catholic in religion and his wife was a member of the Christian church. He was a self-made man and built up a good practice.

Dr. Joseph M. Stroup attended the schools of Mt. Orab and graduated from Cincinnati Medical College, later taking a post-graduate course in New York City. He practiced with his father during the last five years of the latter's life and has since then continued in active practice. He is a skilled surgeon and has an excellent standing in professional circles. He has an office on Main street and opposite it has erected an elegant brick residence, in 1896. He has a fine practice and has won success through industry and ability. He is self-educated and is a man of fine character, popular with his many friends and a most pleasant companion. He has a pleasant home and a very nice family. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally





belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Junior Mechanics and the Modern Woodmen.

In 1890, Dr. Stroup was united in marriage with Miss M. E. McCall, who was born in 1869, in Wallsburg, Brown county, daughter of John and Rachel McKenzie McCall. The parents were natives of Ohio, Mr. McCall born in 1831 and Mrs. McCall in 1833. He died in 1901 and she in 1883. They lived on a farm in Scott township and had a family of six children, three of whom survive: Lillie, wife of Abraham Lining, conducts a summer resort at New Hope, or Wallsburg; Mark lives near Bethel, Brown county; Mrs. Stroup. Mrs. Stroup is a member of the Christian church. Three daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Stroup in Mt. Orab: Madge, born in 1894, attends Mt. Orab High School; Ava, born in 1896, in school; Dorothy, born in 1902. All are bright young people.

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### WILLIAM A. AULTMAN.

The Aultmans were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county, Ohio, and several of the family have been prominently identified with Brown county history. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, William Aultman, came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania and cleared the land for his farm. He became a successful farmer and influential citizen. William A. Aultman is a well known attorney, with an office in Mt. Orab, and has held various public offices of honor and trust. He stands well in the estimation of his fellows and in professional circles and was formerly a justice of the peace. He is a native of Clermont county, born November 13, 1847, son of Michael and Sarah (Stoner) Aultman. Michael Aultman was born near Pt. Isabel, Clermont county, in 1810, and died in 1853, and the mother was born at the same place, in 1819, and died in 1887. He was a tanner in Bethel and spent his entire life in Clermont county, where his six children were born. They were: Eliza, widow of E. A. Jennings, of Felicity; Hester A., wife of G. W. Gravitt, and she and her husband are both deceased; Theodore, deceased; William A.; Joseph, deceased; Mary married M. L. Wilson and both are deceased. The parents were Methodists. The eldest son, Theodore, enlisted in Company H, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served throughout the war. The grandfather, William Aultman, served in the war of 1812.





Mr. William A. Aultman was born in Bethel and received his education in that village. He enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, for six months and later re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio for one year. Among the more important battles in which he participated were those of Cumberland Md., North Branch, Md., and Hammock's Mills, Va. He also took part in numerous minor battles and skirmishes. At the close of the war he returned to Bethel and for several years worked on a farm for Samuel Headley, and then began studying law with N. S. Stevens at Pt. Isabel.

In 1867 Mr. Aultman was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Halse, who was born in Bethel in 1849, daughter of William and Margaret Halse. They had four children: George W., Sarah C., Thomas L. and M. Anna Halse.

After his marriage Mr. Aultman carried on farming at Bethel and lived there until November 13, 1883, the date of his removal to Mt. Orab. He then formed a partnership with H. H. Jones, which continued three years, attending to pension business. In 1886 Mr. Aultman was elected justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket and by successive re-elections served four terms, or twelve years. He has since been notary public. His office is located in the Odd Fellows building, over the postoffice, on High street, and he has a very good practice. He purchased and repaired a good house on Broad street, and there the family entertain their friends. He is a genial friend and neighbor and a conscientious citizen. He is ready to give his influence to every good cause that is calculated to advance the general prosperity. He is very fond of reading and is a broad and liberal minded thinker. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has held all the offices in the local post. He belongs to the Junior Mechanics, and he and his wife belong to the Church of Christ, of which he is a trustee.

Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Aultman, all born in Bethel, namely: Elizabeth L. married D. A. Curlis, of Mt. Orab, and they have three children Mary Alma, Walter W. and William Sherman; Margaret L. married R. L. Patton, of Bridgeport, Ill. and they have four children, Irene, Lee, Anna and Wilbur; William Halse, born in 1876, of Cincinnati, married Miss Kate Faulkner and she is deceased; Leona, widow of A. R. Broomhall, of Mt. Orab, has two sons, Frank A. and Ralph A.; Anna married William E. Bingaman



and they live in Mt. Orab; Sarah Catherine, wife of Frank L. Walker, of Paris, Ky., has one daughter, Anna Halse. Margaret, Mrs. Patton, graduated from the Bethel High School and taught school in Clermont county for several years.

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### CHARLES O. COLLINS.

Charles O. Collins, an old soldier and formerly a justice of the peace, of Mt. Orab, Brown county, is familiarly known as "Squire" Collins. He is a retiring, modest man, quiet in his tastes, and very fond of his many friends. He is well read and has achieved quite a reputation as a writer of local past and present events. He has a high standing and is a leading member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Mount Orab, Ohio. He was born at New Petersburg, Highland county, Ohio, February 26, 1837, son of John Collins and a grandson of James Collins. The latter was born not far from the Natural Bridge, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He came to Highland county, Ohio, in 1817, and died in 1852.

John Collins, also a native of Virginia, was born in 1807, and married Susan Hughey, daughter of Rev. Charles Hughey, a pioneer minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a sister of Rev. William Hughey, one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant church and aunt of Rev. Fletcher Hughey, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Chillicothe, Ohio. She died in 1845, leaving nine children, of whom Charles Overman was the only son. John Collins died at Leesburg, Ohio, in 1873.

Charles Overman Collins attended school in Highland county and at the age of sixteen years began learning the trade of harness maker, at which he worked during the greater part of forty years, at Leesburg, Sinking Springs, Buford and Lexington, Ohio. He was a first-class workman and took great pride in the excellent product he was able to make. While working at his trade and studying law, in 1861, Mr. Collins enlisted for three years in Company D, Sixth Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served two years and one month, and afterwards enlisted for one hundred days, or four months' service, in Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-second infantry. He spent the winter of 1861-62 in camp at Hillsboro, Ohio, and at Camp Dennison,





and on March 15, 1862, the command of four companies was sent to St. Louis and quartered at Benton Barracks until April 1st, when they were sent to Wyoming Territory to guard overland mail and Pacific telegraph lines. They went to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., by boat, and on April 26, 1862, started on their long march of six hundred and fifty miles to Fort Laramie. Later they went on to the Sweetwater country, but Mr. Collins was left behind in the hospital at Laramie, as he was suffering from lung fever, contracted on the trip. As soon as he was able he began working in a harness shop in Laramie, remaining there until the spring of 1863, when he was sent with sixteen men to Camp Dennison, Ohio. He was made hospital steward there and continued in this capacity until his discharge, November 27, 1863. He worked for a time in Sinking Springs, following his trade, and on May 1, 1864, enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-second Ohio volunteer infantry, as a one hundred-day man. They were sent into West Virginia, and were mustered out at Gallipolis, Ohio. He again enlisted, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio, but was rejected upon the physical examination, and engaged in work at his trade. On account of poor health, however, wishing to take up some occupation that would keep him in the open air a great deal, he spent part of his time in the nursery business, and for several years sold stock in that line, growing to be an expert as a nurseryman. He also kept bees and was very successful in that business. In 1875, he located in Buford, Highland county.

On September 15, 1857, Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Stambaugh, born near Hillsboro, Highland county, September 15, 1840, daughter of William and Sarah (Yorger) Stambaugh, both natives of Ohio and both deceased. Mr. Stambaugh died comparatively young, and Mrs. Stambaugh died aged about sixty-five years. They had five children, three of whom survive: Elizabeth, wife of James Kinzer, of Ross county; Mrs. Collins; John, of Clark county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Collins had two children, one of whom is living, Sarah Adda, wife of Charles Swan, of Logan county. In 1871, while living at Sinking Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Collins adopted Edward Barrett, a child of Irish parentage, whose mother died when he was two months old, and reared him as their son. In 1903 he left their roof and married Miss Alice Kestle, and they live at Dallas Center, Iowa. They have two children, Jack and Frances, and Mr. Barrett is a rural mail carrier.



Mr. Charles O. Collins is a Republican in politics and for four terms served as assessor of Clay township, Highland county, also served as enumerator of census of Clay and part of Paint townships, Highland county, and as a member of the board of education. In 1887 he was elected justice of the peace and re-elected in 1890. After coming to Mt. Orab, in the spring of 1893, he took an active interest in local affairs, and, in 1895, was elected a member of the village council. In 1898 he was elected justice of the peace. He was acting mayor of the village from May 1, 1898, to November 1, 1898. He was appointed mayor in March, 1901, and elected to office in April, 1902. On May 4 he was appointed justice of the peace, to fill a vacancy, until the election of 1904, and then was elected for three years. He is very active in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for several years was adjutant of Mount Orab post, also served three years as commander. His wife belongs to the Methodist church. The family reside in the eastern part of the village and Mr. Collins has an office at his residence. He has served as justice of the peace since his election, November 8, 1904, and has made an efficient and conscientious official. He is self-made, financially, and by means of study, observation and travel has become a man of culture and intelligence. He is popular with all and is an interesting conversationalist.

Mr. Collins is very fond of reading and has a nice library, with many books on history, biography, travel and adventure, archaeology, astronomy, poetry and law, all of which he has studied and considered. He has traveled more or less and has written various interesting articles for local papers along the line of his travels and experiences. Several years ago he was local correspondent of the Cincinnati Chronicle and is now engaged on a series of sketches for the Georgetown Gazette, entitled, "Old Time Politics," in which he discusses political events which led up to the Civil war, from the year 1844. In this series he is including the following subjects: No. 1, The Polk and Dallas Campaign (1844). No. 2, The Annexation of Texas and the Mexican War. No. 3, The Wilmot Proviso and the Presidential Election of 1848. No. 4, Admission of California and the Compromise of 1850. No. 5, Election of Franklin Pierce and the Dissolution of the Whig Party. No. 6, The Repeal of the Missouri Compromise. No. 7, The Revolt Against Douglas in Illinois. No. 8, The Campaign of 1856. No. 9, The Elections in Kansas and the Lee Compton Consti-





tution. No. 10, John Brown in Kansas. No. 11, The Lincoln and Douglas Debates. No. 12, The Charleston Convention. No. 13, The Election of Abraham Lincoln. This forms an attractive series and is being followed with great interest, more particularly by those who remember something of the events discussed and by students of history.

Mrs. Collins has been greatly afflicted, having suffered a stroke of paralysis, in 1909, but is now improving. She has many warm friends in the community and both she and her husband are highly respected.

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### SAMUEL R. TAYLOR.

No family stands higher in the esteem of their community than that of Samuel R. Taylor, of Byrd township, Brown county, Ohio. He has been obliged to retire from active life on account of poor health. He was born in that part of Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly known as Bayardstown, in 1838, son of Thomas and Sarah (Stephens) Taylor. His father was born in 1802, and the mother in 1803, both in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He died in 1872, and she in 1873, and both were buried in Pennsylvania, where they died. She was born during the Indian troubles and was first dressed by the wife of Col. William Crawford. Colonel Paul, another noted Indian fighter, lived in the same neighborhood. The Taylors are an old family in Amercia, having come over from England with Lord Baltimore. Their first home was in Maryland, but later generations migrated to Pennsylvania, where the grandparents of Samuel R. Taylor were born. His maternal grandfather, Edward Stephens, served in the Revolutionary war, so that Mr. Taylor and his children are eligible to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Col. Ed. Stephens, of Wheeling, W. Va., served in the Civil war, and Stephens Post was named in his honor. Samuel Kyle Stephens, a cousin of Mr. Taylor, also of Wheeling, was a first lieutenant in the Union army, and as a token of regard from his company received a gold-headed cane. Another cousin, a Mr. Brookings, from Illinois, was killed in the siege of Vicksburg.

Thomas Taylor was a heater and shingler in the rolling mills in Pittsburgh, and probably did the work that is now done by





a furnace man. His six children were born in Pennsylvania, and the only one now surviving is the subject of this sketch. His father and one sister came with him to Brown county, farmed there for a time, but returned to Pennsylvania and there the parents died.

Mr. Samuel R. Taylor attended school in what was then the fifth ward in Pittsburgh, remaining there until he was sixteen years old, then came with his parents to Brown county, and was married there in 1864, to Miss Martha A. Henry, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1839, daughter of H. C. and Mary (Braunen) Henry, who lived near Ripley. Mr. Henry, also a native of Brown county, was born in 1806, and died about 1876, and his wife was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1814, and died in 1861. The Henrys came to Brown county about 1789, and had to clear their home in the woods. They were a fine family and much respected. On December 11, 1839, H. C. Henry shot the last deer ever killed in Brown county. It had swam across the river and was still dripping with water when he saw it. Three of his sons participated in the Civil war from Ohio, they being members of the National Guard. Mr. and Mrs. Henry had five children, born in Brown county, of whom but two now survive: James died in infancy; Mrs. Taylor; Robert and John, deceased; S. Wilson lives in Kansas. The three sons who reached maturity moved to Kansas, where two of them died.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taylor spent one year on a farm near Ripley, then spent one year in Kentucky, and at the close of the war located on their present farm. Later they moved to Brown county, Kansas, but in the fall of 1874 came back to their present farm of two hundred and forty-three acres, which they have since occupied. They have one of the finest farms in the county and it is well adapted to raising tobacco, hay and grain. They have always had high grade horses and Mr. Taylor has raised some of the best horses in his part of the State. On account of poor health he was obliged to give up the active management of the farm and it is now operated by his son. In early life he voted for Abraham Lincoln, but for many years past he has been identified with the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Red Oak.

Five children were born to Mr. Samuel R. Taylor and wife: Sarah A. is at home with her parents.

Mary A. is the wife of James M. Moore, of Byrd township,



and they have six children—Ruth, Ernest T., Frank E., Mary, James M. and Harold.

Joséph H. married Miss Anna Carr, lives in Byrd township, and has three children—Sarah M., Mary and G. H.

Samuel, who lives in Adams county, Ohio, married Miss Ella May Bromley, and they have two children—Christine and Ora Maud.

J. E. married Miss Sallie Baird, and lives in Newport, Ky.

In 1894 Mr. Taylor attended the Grand Army of the Republic convention in Pittsburgh, and although he found the town had grown very much in the many years of his absence, he was delighted to find that in a portion of the town, near his birthplace, several blocks were almost unchanged—the same stores, in the same locations, so that it seemed to him as if he had left but yesterday and returned.

Mr. Taylor is a man of fine physique, a trifle stout, but very well proportioned. He has a fine memory and his mind is stored with interesting anecdotes of his early years in Brown county. He first saw an old wooden plow in the hands of Russell Shaw, grandfather of Mrs. William Johnson, given mention elsewhere in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor stand for all that is highest in the interests of the community. She is a charming woman and their dutiful daughter is a great comfort to them. All are people of quiet tastes and modest desires, and have many warm friends.

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### LEROY J. EVANS.

LeRoy J. Evans, of an old and highly respected family of Brown county, was born on the farm in Jefferson township where he now resides, in 1845, son of James Edward and Melinda (Kendall) Evans. His father was born in the same place, and died three months before the son's birth. There were originally two farms there, which belonged to Edward Evans, father of James Edward Evans, and this land has been in the family over one hundred years. Melinda Kendall was born on the Jacob Pobst farm in Jefferson township, December 22, 1812, died June 4, 1902, and was buried in Russellville. There were seven children in the family and the subject of this sketch is now the only one surviving. Two died in infancy; Hugh served in the Fourth Ohio independent cavalry during





the Civil war; Thomas Harvey served in Foster's independent cavalry; James Edward served in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry; Leroy J. served in the Eighty-ninth Ohio infantry. Thomas Harvey contracted smallpox and was buried at Pittsburg Landing. The father and two grandfathers of LeRoy J. Evans were buried on the home place.

The grandfather of LeRoy J. Evans, Edward Evans, served in the Revolution, and his father, Hugh Evans, descended from an Evans who came to America with William Penn in 1682, locating near Philadelphia. Hugh Evans located in what was first Cumberland and is now Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the Juniata river, ten miles from the present borough of Bedford. There Edward Evans was born, April 27, 1760, being an only son and having two elder sisters who died in young womanhood and were very proficient in music. Edward Evans made many trips to Hagerstown, Md., to procure salt, which he sold at twelve dollars per bushel. He was but sixteen years of age when the Revolution began and he and his father then forgot their Quaker training. The father enlisted in June, 1776, and served two months, then the son took his place, becoming a member of Capt. Samuel Dawson's company, under Col. Richard Hampton, in the Eleventh Pennsylvania regiment. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, September 11th; Paoli, September 20th, and Germantown, October 4, 1777. He was near the scene of the battle of Monmouth, on that memorable hot Sunday, June 28, 1778. At the battle of Brandywine their colonel's horse was shot from under him, and he changed his saddle to another horse and continued in command. After leaving the army Mr. Evans located in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He settled on what was called the Neck, between the Yohoghany and Monongahela rivers, in Rostover township, near DeVore's ferry on the latter stream. There he married Jemina, daughter of William Applegate, from New Jersey, and one hundred persons partook of the wedding feast. While he and his wife were keeping house for John Wright, a Scotch bachelor, Mr. Evans made many of the household utensils on his anvil, and some of these are held as dear keepsakes by his descendants at the present time. With his wife and two children, he came to Ohio in a flatboat, in 1785. They landed at Maysville and went back to Washington, where they resided until 1799, when they came to Brown county. During Indian troubles in Kentucky, he was an Indian scout and spy. Upon



coming to Brown county they located at Red Oak, buying one hundred and nine acres of land in 1803, then in the midst of unbroken wilderness of Jefferson township. He paid for the land in horses, but after deciding to live on it was almost ready to give it up because there were no springs on it. He decided that it was a good spot for a home, however, and later was able to find seven springs on the place. He first erected a rude cabin, but some time later put up a good two-story log house, putting one hundred wagon loads of stone into the chimneys of this residence. He was a large man, weighing three hundred some times, but at other times but one hundred and eighty-five pounds. He was five feet ten and one-half inches in height, and with a striking appearance and manner. He had high cheek bones, a broad forehead, regular features, and a proud, erect carriage. He and his wife had six sons and six daughters. She had four sisters and two of their husbands served in the Revolution. At his death he was wrapped in an old-fashioned shroud, laid in a flat-topped cherry casket, and buried on the old home farm, which is now in the possession of the widow of his grandson, Hugh Evans. Since the family came to America, in 1682, there has been a Hugh and Edward in each generation. His wife died January 7, 1844, and her father, William Appleby, migrated from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and later to Corydon, Ind., where he died at the age of one hundred and five years. He shot a squirrel, without the aid of glasses for sighting, when he was one hundred years old. His direct heir in Brown county is LeRoy J. Evans.

After returning from the war LeRoy J. Evans remained on the home farm, and in 1873 he married Miss Ella Tweed, born in Union township, Brown county, in 1850, daughter of Patterson and Rebecca (Jones) Tweed. Mr. Tweed was born near his old home in the vicinity of Ripley, in 1812, and died in 1875, and his wife was born in Union township. They had eight children and Mrs. Evans is the only one now surviving. One son, John A., served three years in Company E, Seventh Ohio cavalry.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Evans they took charge of the old homestead and his mother lived with them. He built a very pretty home about 1876, and has made a number of improvements. He carries on general farming one one hundred and thirteen acres of choice farm land, and raises considerable stock. He is a Democrat in politics and served very ac-





ceptable two terms as county commissioner, 1893-1900. He was appointed by Governor Harris as trustee of the School for the Deaf in Columbus, succeeding Judge Tyler, of State School for the Deaf, in this position. He has also held minor township offices, such as assessor, member of the board of agriculture, and so on.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had five children, all born on the old family homestead:

Mary Alice, born September 25, 1873, married Richard Moore, of Pleasant township, and they have three children—Bertha, Mary Bell and Lucy.

Frank, of Jefferson township, married Miss Cora Henry, and they have two children, Grace and George, the former of whom is deaf and dumb and attends the college in Columbus.

Emma B., born August 17, 1877, married Ernest Day, of Pleasant township, and they have three children—Ruth, Alice and Grace.

Albert H., born January 14, 1880, living on the home farm with his father, married Miss Nellie Marshall, and they have one son, Charles.

The fifth child, Clara F., died July 12, 1882.

Mr. Evans is a man of great force of character and is popular throughout the county. He has good judgment upon general subjects and has served in public office most conscientiously and efficiently. He was a member of the executive board and represented the interests of Brown county during the tobacco war in Kentucky. He is a man of intellectual and literary tastes, and he and his family hold a high place in various circles. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the early history of his county, State and country, as he has every cause to be, and is appreciative of the principles and attitude of all that is included in good citizenship.

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#### MICHAEL PENCE (Deceased).

Although he has been dead more than a quarter of a century, Michael Pence is well remembered among the old settlers of Brown county, where he was long an honored citizen. His widow still resides on the home farm and is accounted one of the best business women of the county. He was born in Adams county, January 3, 1844, and died on the home farm





near Georgetown, Brown county, in 1879. He was a son of Michael and Mary (Thompson) Pence, who had sixteen children, all being now deceased. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. They were extensive farmers of Adams county, Ohio, in the early days.

Mr. Michael Pence was educated in his native county and remained there until enlisting, at the age of eighteen years, in Company E, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, serving to the close of the war. He then returned to Ohio and soon afterwards married Miss Martha Dunn Nevin, born near Sardinia, in 1837, daughter of Andrew P. and Susanna (Dunn) Nevin. The Dunns and Nevins were very early settlers of Brown county and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Pence, Robert Hamilton, served in the war of the Revolution, so she and her daughters are eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Nevin was born in Kentucky and was brought to Brown county, Ohio, by his parents when he was but nine years of age. He became a large landowner and was very active in the Methodist church, keeping many ministers over Sundays and sometimes for weeks at a time. Many meetings were held at his home. His wife also was a native of Kentucky, and was brought to Brown county in early youth. They had eleven children, five of whom now survive, all born in Brown county: Sindilla, widow of John Chapman, of Georgetown; Mrs. Pence; Hugh, of Cincinnati; Sarah, wife of Stephen Davidson, of Lockesburg, Ark.; Susanna, wife of Harrison Pence, of Chilhowee, Mo. The Nevins and Dunn families settled first at Hillman's Ridge and later drifted to Sardinia.

After marriage Mr. Pence located near Sardinia, on the farm where his wife was born, which was the gift of her father. They remained on that place seven years, then purchased the present home of the family, which was known as the Colonel Loudon farm, where they now reside. They have built the barn and other outbuildings and in many other ways have improved the appearance and value of the farm. Mr. Pence died three years after locating there, leaving his wife with three small children and an encumbrance on the home. There were one hundred and eighty acres of land, which Mrs. Pence has divided among her children, and she has one hundred and twenty acres in the place where she resides. Mr. Pence was a Democrat in politics and he and Mrs. Pence were Methodist. He had made a good start in life, was industrious and energetic in farming, and was held in high respect by all who knew him.



He left many warm friends to deplore the loss from their midst of this upright, estimable man.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pence: Plymouth Worth, of Pleasant township, who married Miss Annabel Clark, of the same township, and they have a daughter, Martha Imogene; Alice Delura is at home; Daisy Annis taught school in Brown county two years, being well fitted for this profession, by inclination and training, but because of poor health and the fact that she is very fond of her home, she remains at home with her mother. Mrs. Pence is a remarkably bright woman, although modest and retiring in demeanor. She was left with a large debt, which she and her children paid off in a comparatively short time, and by her unaided efforts she reared them to useful manhood and womanhood, so that all are a credit to her. The daughters are doing very well as farmers and her son is mentioned at some length in a sketch under his own name, which appears in this work. The daughters are Methodists. The home is one of refinement and culture.

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### LOUIS LYON.

Louis Lyon, a retired farmer residing in Georgetown, Brown county, has spent his entire life in Pleasant township, and is one of the substantial citizens of the community. He comes of an old family of that region and one that has always been identified with its best interests. He was born on his father's farm in that township, February 8, 1845, son of Robert and Rachael (Printy) Lyon. Robert Lyon was born in the same place, in 1803, and died in 1854. He was a son of William Lyon, who came to pleasant township in 1796. Robert Lyon became the owner of nine hundred and twenty-one acres of land in Brown county, part of it on what was known as "Free Soil." In 1841 he married Rachael Printy, daughter of Jesse Printy, who came to Lewis township in 1810, and died in 1882, thus being able to watch the progress and growth of the region from a dense wilderness to a beautiful, prosperous country. Jesse Printy's father, William Printy, was born in Ireland and served in the Revolution. Mrs. Lyon was born in Lewis township, Brown county, in 1819, and died in 1912. Mr. Lyon was a farmer and large land owner and he and his wife had six children, all born in Brown county: William, a





retired farmer of Higginsport; Louis, of this sketch; Mary, wife of Col. Charles D. Thompson, of Georgetown; Dan, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, some thirty-three years ago; Ruth, the wife of U. G. Reese, of Georgetown; and Anna, the fourth child, died in early childhood.

Mr. Louis Lyon attended the public schools of his native township, spent one year at Fulton, Ill., and a short time in school at Athens, Ohio. He then engaged in farming and after the death of his father took great interest in what he was able to do on the home farm. After marriage he settled on part of the home place, and about thirty-three years ago went to live with his widowed mother, remaining with her until her death. He managed the large place of three hundred and ten acres of choice land to excellent advantage. In November, 1912, he purchased the old Henry Loudon place, on North Main street, Georgetown, a beautiful brick house, with all modern conveniences. Mr. Lyon taught school with success in early youth, in Brown county, and has always kept himself well informed on general topics and issues. He showed energy and foresight in conducting his farm and made a specialty of raising tobacco. He is Democratic in politics and took great interest in township affairs. He and his wife belonged to the Christian church at Higginsport. He is a man of quiet habits and simple tastes, and he and his wife have a large circle of friends.

On January 28, 1868, Mr. Lyon was united in marriage with Miss Rachael Amanda Daugherty, who was born in Union township, Brown county, March 12, 1847, daughter of Rev. J. P. Daugherty and his wife, Jane (Barnes) Daugherty. Rev. Daugherty was born in Brown county in 1819, and died in 1903, and his wife was born in Tennessee in 1810 and died in 1889. He was a minister in the Christian church in Brown county and remained in active ministry until his death, being a man who did much for the upbuilding of the community. He was highly regarded and did a noble work among his fellows. He and his wife had six children: Martha, wife of Carey Mitchell, deceased; Sarah, widow of John Pangburn, of Ripley; Lucinda, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. D. S. Guthrie, of Mt. Orab; Amanda, Mrs. Lyon; Emma L., deceased, who was the wife of A. P. Cahall, of Georgetown; Ella, wife of Lewis Miranda, of Hamersville, Ohio. Mrs. Daugherty, by a former marriage with William Denniston, had two children—William Maxwell and Mary Ann. William Maxwell Dennis-



ton married Elvina Savage, and both are now dead. Mary Ann Denniston married Josiah Richey, now deceased, and she lives on Pigsaw Ridge, near Ripley. Mrs. Louis Lyon has been a temperance worker for many years, and was one of the Ohio crusaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lyon have had two children, born in Pleasant township: Ira J., born November 30, 1868, died December 10, 1868; Jesse Daugherty Lyon, born April 10, 1870. Jesse D. was married, February 5, 1896, to Miss Mary Hervey Moore, and he is a mechanical engineer and he and his wife are now living in Cincinnati, on Walnut Hills. They have a daughter, Dorothy, born December 16, 1897.

A brother of Mrs. Lyon, William Maxwell Denniston, served in the Civil war, as a member of the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in all over four years, being discharged after the war was over and having spent seventeen months in Andersonville and Libby prisons. William Lyon, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a native of Ireland, was with Gen. Masse when the latter made several important surveys, and in 1802 came with him to Brown county, so he was in this region before a county was organized, and was one of the oldest settlers here. He bought one of the surveys from General Massie and his grandson has in his possession the deed made out to him by General Massie. Mr. Lyon prizes this document very highly, as well he may.

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### PLYMOUTH WORTH PENCE.

Plymouth Worth Pence, an enterprising and successful farmer and stockraiser of Brown county, belongs to an old family of this region. He was born in Washington township, Brown county, November 24, 1869, son of Michael and Martha (Nevin) Pence, who are mentioned at considerable length in connection with the sketch of Michael Pence, also appearing in this work. Michael Pence was born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1844, and died on his farm in Pleasant township, in 1879. Mrs. Pence was born near Sardinia, Brown county, in 1837, and now resides on the home farm in Pleasant township, which her two daughters operate for her. Mr. Pence served three years in Company E, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part in several important battles, seeing much





active service. He lived in Pleasant township some four or five years before his death and made many friends there. He was highly respected for his worth and upright dealings and was a man of industry and good habits. He and his wife had three children: Plymouth W.; Alice Delura, at home; Daisy Annis, formerly a teacher in Brown county. The two daughters manage the home place for the mother. The parents were both members of the Methodist church, to which the children also belong. Two brothers of the father, Peter and John Pence, served in the Civil war, the former in Company H, One Hundred Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. Pence remained at home, receiving his education in the local schools, until his marriage, in October, 1901, to Miss Anabel Clark, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 3, 1875, daughter of Abner R. and Eliza (Fulton) Clark. Mr. Clark was born in Adams county, in 1844, and the mother was born there in 1844, and they now reside in Pleasant township. He is a farmer and he and his wife had six children, four born in Adams county and the two youngest in Brown county, namely: John, of Franklin township; Cora, wife of Albert Boehn, of Pleasant township; Mrs. Pence; Lou, wife of Alfred Henize, of Jefferson township; Helen, deceased wife of Charles Sickles, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clark belonged to the New Light church.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Pence located on their present farm of sixty acres. He is a self-made young man, having begun as a very young boy to help his mother in her operations. In this way he gained a steady self-reliance early in life and has kept up his early habits of industry and energy. He is a progressive farmer and follows modern methods in his work. His farm is a model of good care and he and his wife are held in high esteem by all. They are broad and liberal in their views and take great interest in public affairs. They have one daughter, Martha Imogene, born May 9, 1907, a promising little girl, who now attends school. Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics and has served as township assessor and supervisor of roads. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternities, and he and his wife both are Methodists, he having served as trustee of the church. St. Clair Fulton, an uncle of Mrs. Anabel Pence, served in the Civil war and came from an old Virginia family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pence belong to old families of Brown county and they have a large number of friends.





## ABRAHAM PENNINGTON CAHALL.

Abraham Pennington Cahall belongs to one of Brown county's old families and is one of the most successful farmers of Pleasant township. He was born on the farm adjoining his present home, March 26, 1845, son of Thomas and Rachel Elizabeth (Kilpatrick) Cahall. Thomas Cahall was born in Union township, Brown county, September 22, 1819, and died July 22, 1875, and his wife was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in April, 1886, both being buried in Union cemetery, Mt. Pisgah. They had twelve children, all born in Brown county, six sons and six daughters, and of those now living Abraham P. (the third in order of birth) is the eldest, the others being: Augustus, of Pleasant township; Ella, wife of Charles Henry, of Georgetown; Perry, Jr., of Georgetown; Flora, wife of David Carrigan, of Aberdeen, Brown county; Edna, wife of William Kinnett, of Georgetown.

James Cahall, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served in the Revolution. He died from frozen feet at the age of one hundred and one years, she from being scalded at the age of ninety-nine years; and the grandfather, Thomas Cahall, Sr., served in the war of 1812. The Cahalls were among the earliest families to settle in Brown county, coming before 1812. The grandfather came from Londonderry, Ireland, and came from a family of weavers. The name was then spelled Cahill, but has been perverted to its present spelling. They have always been a money-making family, and wherever they have located have been able to accumulate property.

Mr. Cahall, of this sketch, was educated in Brown county, Meadville, Pa., and Merom, Ind., and before he attended college taught school in Brown county, where he taught one year after leaving college. On August 3, 1869, he married Miss Emma L. Daugherty, who was born in Union township, March 1, 1849, daughter of Rev. J. P. and Jane (Barnes) Daughterty. Her father was born in Union township, May 5, 1819, and died in 1904, and her mother was born in Brown county, in 1812, and died in 1889. Mr. Daugherty was a minister of the New Light church and preached in Brown county over fifty years, from the time he was twenty-five or thirty years of age. He and his wife had six children, four of whom are now living: Sarah, widow of John H. Pangburn, of Union township; Amanda, wife of Louis Lyon, of Georgetown; Mrs. Cahall; Ellie, wife of Lewis Meranda, of Clark township.



After marriage, August 3, 1869, Mr. Cahall and wife located on a farm owned by his father, adjoining his present home, and he has never voted outside of Pleasant township, where all but one year of his life has been spent. He purchased his present farm in 1880, becoming possessed of one hundred and thirty-three acres of land, to which he has added, until he has two hundred and ninety acres of good farm land. In 1889, he erected the pretty home still occupied by the family, and he has also erected all of the present farm buildings. He has been very successful as an agriculturist and devotes considerable attention to stock raising. He is a Democrat in politics, has served as township assessor twice; and is always ready to support any worthy cause for the advancement of the general welfare and progress. Fraternally, he is a Mason and he belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He and his wife belonged to Higginsport Christian church. The family have a high standing and have a large number of friends.

Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cahall, all born in Pleasant township, namely: Zua is at home with her father; Mattie L., wife of William E. DeVore, of Pleasant township, has one child, Louise; Lois married Albert Trout and both died within eight hours of diphtheria, twenty-two months after their marriage; Callie Gertrude died at the age of eleven months, in 1873; Ida L. is the wife of Hugh Tweed, of Union township, and they have two children, Amber and Esther; Homer E. married Miss Alberta Singer, daughter of Rev. C. L. Singer, and they have three children, Leavitt Pennington, Alice Rosalin, and the baby, and live in Plain City; Homer E., a graduate of the Georgetown High School, has taught school since he was seventeen years of age, a period of seventeen years, and is superintendent of the schools at Plain City. For the past five years he has been superintendent of the Felicity schools, Clermont county, Ohio.

Mr. Cahall is well informed on general topics and issues and is a pleasant and genial man to meet. He has a witty turn of mind and is very popular. He is proud of what his children have done and the promise they give for the future and all are a credit to their parents. Mr. Cahall died January 29, 1913, after a long illness. Both she and Mr. Cahall are descended from good old stock. Mrs. Cahall was a devout member of the church and died in the triumphs of the Christian's faith. She was a loving wife and mother, and devoted to her husband





and children. Although a long-time sufferer, she bore her sufferings patiently to the end of life. The finest of eulogies, that "she was a good woman," was given to her by those who knew her.

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### GUSTAVUS KAUTZ (Deceased).

In the death of Gustavus Kautz, Brown county lost a valuable and enterprising citizen and the community an honored and highly respected member. He was a very industrious and ambitious worker, as a carpenter and farmer, and was ready to take his part in any public movement which he believed would benefit his township or county. He was born at Arnheim, Brown county, August 2, 1839, and died at his home in Pleasant township, August 3, 1898, at the age of fifty-nine years and one day. He was a son of Sebastian and Wilhelmina Kautz, both natives of Germany, who came to America in early youth. The father came as a young man with his sister and his mother and was married in Brown county. They had four children, the only survivor being Christopher, of Arnheim, Brown county.

Mr. Kautz was educated in Franklin township, Brown county, and remained at home on the farm until he enlisted and served three years in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, during the Civil war. After his return from the front he married Miss Sarah Brady, who was born near Arnheim, in 1839, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Shaw) Brady, natives of Brown county and farmers, and both now deceased. They had ten children, all born in Jackson township, and eight of whom now survive: William A. died at the age of seventy-two years, some eight or nine years ago; Mary Jane married Thomas Shaw and they live in Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas L.; Homer is deceased; Mrs. Kautz; Nancy Ellen, of Eagle township; ———; Thursy Elizabeth, wife of Henry Perrine, of Jefferson township; Arminda, wife of George Davison, of Sardinia; Joseph K., of Mason City, Ky.; Benjamin D., of Lexington, Ky.; George I., of New Richmond, Clermont county, Ohio.

For five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kautz lived on his father's farm. Then they came to the place where she now resides. They have fifty acres of excellent farm land and he erected a very pleasant house, as well as substantial



farm buildings. He engaged in general farming and also found stock raising profitable. He followed his trade of carpenter in times when he did not have much to do on his farm. He was entirely self-made and had a good helper in his good wife. He was a Republican in politics and belonged to the German Reformed church, whose building is now used by the Presbyterian denomination, and Mrs. Kautz belongs to the New Light church. Both were kind neighbors and true friends to those who were admitted to their friendship, and tried to do their duty in all relations of life. Mrs. Kautz's brother, Thomas L., served in the Civil war. The grandmother of Congressman Matthew, of Denver, was a sister of Grandfather Kautz, and both came to America from Germany.

Five sons and one daughter blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz, namely: Ulysses S., and Homer Franklin, at home, run the home place for their mother; Emma Jane is also at home; Lewis Ed, living near Russellville, married Miss Sarah Drake, and they had six children, Lola M., Mamie, Sadie, Dwight, George Gibson, and one deceased; Benjamin Ellsberry, of Pleasant township, married Flora Mills and they have two sons, Loren Gustavus and James Richard; L. V. married Lizzie Frost and they live at Feesburg, Byrd township. The two elder sons are active in local affairs and are Republicans in politics. Homer F. is a member of the Masonic order. The father fell and was severely injured, dying ten weeks later. Mrs. Kautz finds her children a great comfort and all have done credit to their parents. The family is held in high regard in the community.

August, Albert and Capt. Fred Kautz, brothers of each others and cousins to Gustavus Kautz, served in the Civil war from Ohio, the latter in the Fifty-ninth Ohio infantry. Two others of the family served in the navy.

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### WILLIAM L. JOHNSON.

William L. Johnson is one of the two oldest settlers of Brown county now surviving, the other being Amos McKinley, a sketch of whom also appears within these pages, and few men in the county are better known than he. He was born on the outskirts of Cleveland, on Euclid avenue, now a part of the city proper, December 1, 1838, and is a son of



William and Sarah (Lambert) Johnson, both of whom were born in Scotland (or Ireland), about 1782, and both died about 1872. They came to America in youth and settled in Adams county, Ohio. The father had worked at his trade of tailor in his native country until he had to find other occupation on account of failing health. He was very fond of travel and crossed the ocean thirteen times in a sailing vessel. He knew the principal ports of most of the earth and could recount many interesting reminiscences of his travels and the places he had visited. At one time he joined an Arctic exploring party, which was frozen in for thirteen months. He settled down after marriage, however, and became an influential and respected citizen of Brown county. He became a man of very simple diet and habits and lived to the age of ninety years, held in affection by all. He and his wife had several children, and at their death the mother and father of these children were taken back to Ripley, where they had lived before making their home in Russellville. Their sons were: William L., of this sketch; Andrew is a hotel keeper of Cincinnati; George, a retired carriage painter, lives in Ripley; James, also retired from active life, was a blacksmith and carriage maker.

Mr. William L. Johnson attended school in Highland and Brown counties, and worked at farm work for three years, after which he began learning the trade of carriage painter in Ripley, and later in Cincinnati, spending two years in the former town and three years in the latter. He worked as a journeyman for a time and then, with his two brothers, started a carriage factory. This arrangement continued for many years. About 1862 Mr. Johnson enlisted in Company E, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, and continued about one year with the company. He was in active service much of the time and, although he took part in no very important engagements, he saw some hard work, especially in scouting where the infantry and cavalry could not go in force. He won a very good record.

On October 5, 1864, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Cindora Shaw, who was born July 11, 1845, in Russellville, Ohio, daughter of Merritt and Levinna (Brockway) Shaw, and granddaughter of George Brockway. Mr. Brockway was a very old settler of Brown county, coming there in 1802, and he settled in a different part of Russellville than the Shaws, although all had to clear land for their farms and homes. He was a farmer all his life, a hardy pioneer, and had





a large family of children. Merritt Shaw was born in Russellville in 1810, and died July 17, 1886, and his wife was born in 1812 and died February 3, 1885. His father, Russell Shaw, was born in Rensselaer county, New York, April 19, 1781, and died July 21, 1864, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Miss Rosanna Reynolds, a native of the same county as himself, born November 22, 1781, on February 16, 1800, and after their marriage they decided to settle on the frontier, reaching Brown county June 15, 1802. Mrs. Shaw died April 30, 1864, aged eighty-two years. Russell Shaw was a large landholder, purchasing large contracts from the government in the vicinity of Russellville, and letting the sun first shine on it. He became successful as a farmer and also for many years run a flat boat, carrying various provisions and commodities for the Southern market. He became a man of wealth for his time, and his sons cared for his farms. He laid out the town of Russellville, the name being first spelled with a single "l" in the middle of the word (Russelville), but it has now come to its present spelling. He gave ground for the public square and for the cemetery where his dust now reposes. He was one of the charter members of the first Masonic lodge in the county and was popular with everyone. He became successful as a merchant and his son conducted that business many years. He and his wife had thirteen children, all now deceased.

For a number of years Merritt Shaw drove an omnibus between Ripley and Russellville. There were ten children in the family, all born in Russellville, and all now deceased except Mrs. Johnson. Five of these children grew to maturity. Mr. Johnson had two brothers in the infantry and artillery, respectively, during the Civil war, and two half-brothers, John and Joseph Reed, also served during that war. Two brothers of Mrs. Johnson, Wesley and Elmer Shaw, also served, the latter in the Thirty-fourth Ohio infantry.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived in Russellville, where he was engaged in business. He was entirely self-made and earned his start in life by industry and thrift. He and his wife worked hard in their more youthful days, but now they are able to take life easy. Mr. Johnson was an expert carriage painter and built up a lucrative business, from which he was retired several years ago. He is a Republican in politics, and served six years as school director, and six years as a member of the city council. For a number of years he was



city marshal. He and his wife are devout members of the Methodist church, in which he has held various offices. They have seven daughters and one son, all born in Russellville, namely:

Laura Belle, wife of Brose Bowman, of Dayton, has four children—William, George, Idella and Robert, graduates of the school at Russellville.

Viola Elizabeth, wife of William McClatchey, of West Union, has two sons living, Mason and Homer, and one deceased, Ogreta, formerly of Covington.

Sarah Belle, wife of George W. Inskeep, of Russellville, now lives at Washington Court House, Ohio, and has one son, Harold, who married Miss Florence ——— and lives on a farm near Urbana.

Clara, wife of L. L. LaMonda, of Dayton, had twin daughters, Cindora and Mary, the latter being deceased.

William M. married Lydia Dennis, of Russellville, and they have two daughters, Levinna and Lucile.

Dora, twin sister of William M., died at the age of nineteen years.

Stella Lambert, wife of John W. Zerker, of Dayton, has a daughter, Helen.

Mr. Johnson is familiarly and affectionately known by the name of "Uncle Billy." He is very active and robust for one of his years, and has the hue of health in his cheeks. His wife, a dear motherly-looking woman, is also youthful looking, and both show few marks of the years they have lived through. Both are plain and unassuming and are loved by all. They are probably as well preserved as any other couple of their age in the county. They take an intelligent interest in the affairs and progress of the community and enjoy the companionship of their friends.

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#### WILLIAM L. FAUL, M. D.

Dr. William L. Faul, a prominent citizen of Russellville, Brown county, and a successful physician and surgeon, belongs to one of the older families of the region. He was born near Higginsport, Brown county, January 4, 1876, son of Lewis and Margaret (Arn) Faul. The father was born near Arnheim, Brown county, November 29, 1837, and died De-





cember 3, 1905, and the mother was born in Arnheim (which was named in honor of her father), in 1847, and lives at Carlisle, Ohio. He was a farmer in Jackson township, served in Company E, Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in several active battles. They had six children, all born in Brown county: Maggie, wife of F. C. Brookbank, lives in Higginsport; Katie, at home with her mother; Mary A., deceased, was the wife of Dr. Hughes, of Moscow, a sketch of whom appears in the Clermont county biographies of this work; William; Pearl lives with her sister at Urbana; Lelia, wife of Carey Inskeep, of Urbana.

Dr. Faul began his education in the common schools, spent one year in Russellville High School, and from 1893 to 1897 taught in Brown county. Later he graduated from the College of Medicine and Surgery, of Cincinnati, and entered upon the practice of his profession. He practiced three years in Adams county, five years at Arnheim, and four at Russellville, where he has built up a very good practice. He stands well in professional circles and has won the confidence of his community. He has a very pretty home and a neat office on the west side of the square. He is a self-made man, having earned his own way through medical school, and worked up a reputation in his profession. He is very broad and liberal in his views and is an upright, conscientious citizen. As a member of the school board he is much interested in everything that may be of benefit to the children and young people, and he favors everything that makes for progress in a general way. He is a Republican in politics, served for a time as coroner of Adams county, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Junior Order United American Mechanics; the Modern Woodmen, and Russellville Lodge, No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1898, Dr. Faul was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Wagner, who was born in Carlisle, in 1875, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Ault) Wagner. Mr. Wagner was born in Germany in 1841, came to America alone at the age of fourteen years, located in Brown county and remained there until 1860, then went to Illinois and worked at the trade of shoemaker. He enlisted there in the Fourth Missouri infantry and after the close of the war returned to Brown county, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. His wife was born near Ripley in 1844, and died in October, 1912. They had ten children, and nine of them now survive: Emma, wife



of George Rhoten, of Carlisle; Barbara is a successful dress-maker in Carlisle; Mrs. Faul; Lottie, wife of Everett Hayes, of Carlisle; Josie, wife of Louis Schatzmann, living near Russellville; Nannie, wife of Frederick Kaucher, lives near Carlisle; Eva, wife of William Davidson, of Russellville; Adam, a popular teacher of Carlisle; Roy, a barber in Carlisle.

Dr. and Mrs. Faul have five children, two born in Adams county, and three in Brown county: William Lowell, born in 1901; Margaret, born in 1903; Wilford Lewellyn, born in 1905; Doryl, born in 1907; Norma, born in 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Faul are members of the Christian Union church, at Ash Ridge. Their eldest son, although but eleven years of age, is in the high school, and for years stood at the head of his class in the grammar school.

Besides being a skillful practitioner and surgeon, Dr. Faul is a mechanical genius and an expert woodworker, having made many handsome pieces of furniture for his home. One of the most beautiful pieces is an inlaid table, made by some very small pieces, and most of the wood is of personal or historic interest. He also has made an office cabinet of quarter-sawed oak, part of which is made from wood used in the furniture in the old school house where he began his education, and he has also made a handsome office book case, and a smaller book case for his children, as well as a corner cabinet and a kitchen cabinet. This beautiful work would do credit to one who has made cabinet making a special study, and adds greatly to the attractiveness of the home, as well as being most useful.

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### AMOS McKINLEY.

Amos McKinley is one of the substantial men of Russellville, Ohio, and has been able to retire from business life and enjoy the fruits of his labors. He is a self-made man, having worked from the time he was nine years old until recently, and is reasonably proud of what he has accomplished. He is happy and contented by nature, and is duly grateful for the blessings of a pleasant home and children who reflect great credit on their parents. He was born in Aberdeen, Ohio, August 14, 1843, son of Marshall and Elizabeth (Dodd) McKinley. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Aberdeen, Ohio, in 1848, and the mother was born in Kentucky, and



died in Aberdeen, March 24, 1863. Marshall McKinley was a plasterer by trade, and they lived in Aberdeen many years. They had five children, all born in that town: Moses L., who died in 1858; Amos; Alice, wife of William Greenly, of West Union; Margaret Jane, wife of Dr. Bowman, is deceased; Mary Marshall, died in early childhood.

Until he was nine years of age Amos McKinley attended the Aberdeen schools, and for the next eight or ten years lived on various farms and with different families. At the age of nineteen years he enlisted in Company E, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, for fourteen months, and later enlisted for one year in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry. He participated in many battles, including the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and earned a most creditable record as a soldier. Upon returning to Brown county he learned the trade of blacksmith at Russellville and about 1866 engaged in blacksmithing on his own account, a year or so later engaging in business for himself. He conducted his own shop for some forty-two years, and in June, 1911, retired from business. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

On September 21, 1865, Mr. McKinley was united in marriage with Miss Martha Eva Williamson, who was born near Russellville, Ohio, daughter of John and Nancy Jane (Henry) Williamson. Mr. Williamson was born in Kentucky, and died in Russellville, Ohio, in January, 1888, and his wife was born in Ohio, near Russellville, and died in Russellville at the age of seventy-two years or more. Mr. Williamson kept a hotel in Russellville for forty years; and was one of the best known men in the county. Of their seven children but three now survive, namely: A. W., of Cincinnati; Samantha, wife of J. D. Seip, of Russellville; W. C., in heating and ventilating business in Cincinnati. Mrs. McKinley died November 9, 1911, and is buried in Russellville. She and her husband were devout members of the Methodist church.

Four children blessed the union of Mr. McKinley and wife:

John William married Miss Carrie Brigham and lives in Washington, D. C., being principal of the National Correspondence Institute there, and has two children, Carrie B. and Edward B.

Nancy Lou, wife of F. M. Kirkpatrick, of Russellville, and has seven sons—Robert William, Raymond, Thomas K., Donald Pierce, Glen McKinley, Amos Wilson and Marshall Williamson.





Charles Marshall married Miss Della Zerker, of Russellville, is a teacher by profession, and they have three children—Eva, Elizabeth and Ralph.

Burchard Stephenson, of Washington, is a government postal clerk, married Isabelle Webster, and they have one child, Mabel.

John William attended Washington Law School and is a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar, but has not practiced his profession.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a miller by trade and his eldest son, Robert William, married Verna Howland, and they reside with Mrs. Kirkpatrick's father.

Dr. A. M. Williamson, a brother of Mrs. McKinley, who died in Cincinnati June 13, 1911, served in the Civil war, and his wife died February 9, 1911. Mr. McKinley built his pretty modern home on the west side of the public square, in 1907, and there has every possible convenience. His wife was a faithful helpmate and her assistance was an important factor in bringing success to him. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her and had a large number of friends who deeply mourned her loss.

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#### REV. W. W. BAGBY.

One of the most highly respected and revered men of Brown county is Rev. W. W. Bagby, of Hamersville, who has spent his life and strength in the service of others. He was born at Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, April 21, 1839, son of Sterling and Mary (Stephenson) Bagby. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1800 and died in 1853, and the mother was born at Laurel, Clermont county, in 1807, and died in 1855, and both were buried in Clermont county. He was a mechanic, making a specialty of making cabinets, and following his trade at Felicity. Their nine children were born in Clermont county and four of them now survive: Nathaniel, of California; Rev. W. W., of this sketch; Harriet J., widow of John Mayfield, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Florence L. Pfau, a widow, lives in Cincinnati. The parents of these children were members of the old Christian church and for many years belonged to Salem church on Indian creek. They were held in high regard among the early settlers of Clermont county and left a fine family of children.



Rev. W. W. Bagby began his education in the common schools of Clermont county and remained on the home farm until the death of his mother, then remained with a cousin until he attained his majority. On January 31, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa Love, who was born near Felicity, Clermont county, December 25, 1842, daughter of William and Eliza (West) Love, and died at her home in Hamersville, January 26, 1910, aged sixty-seven years, one month and one day. Mr. Love was born near Higginsport, Brown county, in 1807, and died in 1884, and Mrs. Love was born in 1820 and lives in Indiana, having reached the venerable age of ninety-three years. She was born near Feesburg, and if still living there, would be one of the oldest women in Brown county. She was the second wife of her husband. He had five children by his first wife and nine by the second, and six are now living: Cynthia, widow of Lewis Bolender, lives in Higginsport, Ohio; Thomas, living near Feesburg, is the other survivor of the first wife's children; George, of Arkansas, by the second marriage; Ellen, wife of William F. Meranda, of Kokomo, Ind.; James, living near Higginsport, Brown county; William Lafayette, living in Kankakee, Ill. The last four are children of the second marriage. The parents were devoted members of the Christian church.

After marriage Rev. Mr. Bagby located on a farm near Felicity, where he lived eighteen months, then enlisted for three years in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He was disabled at the battle of Stone River, but served the rest of his time, although removed from his company. The date of his enlistment was August 22, 1862, and of his honorable discharge, July 5, 1865. Upon his return he resumed farming, but soon afterwards took up the service of the Lord, becoming a member of the Southern Ohio Christian conference, and preaching in the Christian churches of Brown, Clermont, Adams, Clinton, Scioto and Hamilton counties, Ohio; also in Kentucky. He had charges in all these locations and for forty-seven years remained in this strenuous work, giving of the best there was in him to this holy work. He has been retired from active life for the past four years. On March 4, 1879, he located in Hamersville, where he remained four years, and his last charge was at Fincastle, Ohio. He continued farming more or less after he engaged in preaching. He erected a handsome home on Main street, Hamersville, into which





he moved March 4, 1890. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has an excellent war record.

Mrs. Bagby was an invaluable helper to her husband in all his work, and was able to perform many noble deeds on her own initiative. Although she and her husband had but one child of their own, nine other children (three grandchildren, three nieces, a nephew, and two children of dear friends) were reared in her hospitable home, and given a mother's devoted love and care. All have been of great credit to their foster parents and most of them have now found happiness in homes of their own. Both Rev. Bagby and his wife felt doubly repaid for their tenderness and bounty by the happiness they were able to give these little dependents. Besides the grandchildren the other children were as follows: Dora Bolender, the child of a dear friend; Lillie Bagby, now the wife of John Turner; Lillie, the child of a friend and now deceased; and Laura, Ollie and John Sells, nieces and nephew. Mrs. Bagby was a woman of large heart and generosity and gave freely of all she had to give, delighting to give happiness to others. Her home was always open to visiting ministers and scores of divines feasted at her bountiful table. She was a devoted wife and mother, a staunch, true friend, and never meddled in the affairs of others where she could do no good thereby. Her hands were always busied with service for others and she was, indeed, above reproach. She had kind thoughts, words and deeds for all. She was peculiarly well fitted to be the wife of a minister, fought the good fight and kept the faith, preparing herself for the crown which all believe is now hers. She left an old mother, a husband, a son, three loving granddaughters, three sisters, four brothers, fourteen nieces, nineteen nephews, and great-nieces and nephews by the score, and hundreds of close friends, besides many acquaintances. She was sick but five short days, and her death came as a shock to all. She joined the church at Shinkle Ridge, when sixteen years old, under the labors of Rev. J. P. Daugherty, being then baptized, and her funeral sermon was preached in the Christian church by Rev. S. L. Swope, interment being made in Hamersville cemetery, January 29, 1910.

The only child born to Rev. Bagby and wife was Thomas Franklin, born March 2, 1862, in Clermont county, a minister of the Christian church, now residing at Hamersville. He married Miss Ellen Laycock and they had three children: Lona Fern, deceased, was the wife of John Pursley, and left one child, William Earl; Ruth C., housekeeper for her grand-



father, Mr. Bagby, who was born July 20, 1888; Rosa M., the wife of Walter Hannah, lives in Dayton. The mother of these children died August 1, 1901. Rosa M. was born May 7, 1890. She has one son, Alfred Coan Hannah, born February 19, 1913.

During the last two years Rev. Bagby lost his wife, a brother, a sister, sisters-in-law, and his beloved granddaughter, and his trials have seemed greater than he could bear, still his faith is strong and his hopes are bright, and he patiently awaits the call of his Master to join his dear ones. He has exerted an inestimable amount of good influence in the community which has been his home during most of his life, and has consciously and unconsciously brought the thoughts and wishes of many to higher life and well doing. Both the Bagbys and the Loves were among the earliest settlers of Brown county, and the names have always stood for all that is good. Thomas Love, a half-brother of Mrs. Bagby, served three years in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. Rev. Bagby was a mere boy when his parents died and he was left with nothing but good health and dauntless energy. He has never been discouraged, however, but has always had high aims, and even in his old age has certain ideals which he cherishes and tries to talk and act in a way that will benefit those with whom he is associated.

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### H. B. WHITEMAN.

A man who has the respect and esteem of the entire community, regardless of political affiliation, is H. B. Whiteman, an attorney at law, and postmaster of Hamersville. He is a native of Brown county, born near Hamersville, Clark township, February 11, 1840, son of Henry E. and Jane A (Cooper) Whiteman, among the earliest settlers of Brown county. Henry E. Whiteman was born in Pennsylvania, August 20, 1797, and died January 24, 1847, and his wife was born in South Carolina, October 5, 1803, and died December 11, 1878. He was buried in Iowa and she in Mt. Zion church yard in Brown county. He cleared a tract of one hundred acres of land in Brown county, where the subject of this sketch was born. He became a successful farmer and was also a school teacher in his younger days. He and his wife had eight children, of whom two now survive: Bnejamin Franklin, of Science Hill, Ky., and H. B.





The former served in the Eigthy-third Ohio infantry during the Civil war, and another son served in a Missouri regiment. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They removed to Iowa to live and the father died a few weeks after reaching there.

Mr. Whiteman attended school at Hamersville and later at Felicity, Ohio, read law with Judge S. H. Stephenson and was admitted to the Brown county bar, in 1878. He had meanwhile served in the Civil war, enlisting in February, 1862, in Company B, Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry. He remained in the army three years and served in many important battles, including Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing. He made an honorable record and after returning home resumed his studies, being eventually admitted to the State and Federal courts. He began the practice of his profession in Georgetown, but for many years has resided in Hamersville. He is a Republican in politics and under President Harrison was appointed postmaster of Hamersville for four years. He was reappointed by President McKinley and has since then held office by successive reappointments—a period of twenty years. He has performed the duties of his office in a manner that is satisfactory to all parties and is one of the few Republicans holding office in Brown county, which is largely Democratic. He also served as town treasurer some six or seven years, and was also town clerk of Hamersville for some time. He is largely a self-made man and he and his wife worked hard in early years to get a start in life. He owns a pretty house, which he erected in 1890, on the same lot as the postoffice building, which he also owns. He is a man of broad, liberal ideas, ready to do all that he can for the betterment of the community and county, and is a courteous, kindly gentleman in thought and manner. He possesses the gift of pleasing all classes of people and is popular with all who know him.

On April 22, 1868, Mr. Whiteman was united in marriage with Miss Nancy C. Beebe, who was born near Williamsburg, Clermont county, December 2, 1847, daughter of Malcolm and Mary (Homan) Beebe, natives of New Jersey, who came to Clermont county at an early date and located where Mrs. Whiteman was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Beebe were farmers and very highly respected in their community. They had eight children, of whom the following three now survive: Mrs. Whiteman; Hannah, wife of Augustus Boynem, of Amelia, Ohio; Elizabeth, widow of





George Freshman, of Bantam, Clermont county. The parents were devout members of the Methodist church, of which the father was trustee and steward.

Seven children, all born in Hamersville, blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman: Clinton B., a representative of the Baldwin Piano Company, with business located in Cincinnati, married Miss Louisa Cromshaw and they have three children—Leota, Paul and Earl; Walter G., also in the piano business in Cincinnati, has one child, Doran; Mary Amy, wife of Ora L. Pride, lived in Cincinnati, died in 1909, left four children, Howard, Karl, Mary and Austin, and her husband now resides in New Jersey; Edward F. is at home with his parents and is deputy postmaster, being an efficient and valuable assistant to his father; Anna, wife of Marshall White, lives in Portsmouth, Ohio, and has three children, Henry, Harold and Doris; Nettie, wife of Robert Jones, of Hamersville, has no children; Chloe, wife of Albert Bingham, of Cincinnati, has one child, Wendell. All these children graduated from Hamersville school, several of them under Professors Boxwell and Pattetson, and the two eldest sons secured teacher's certificates, which, however, they never used. Edward F., the only child now at home, is well known among the young people of Hamersville and is a young man of ambition and promise.

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#### E. C. ABBOTT.

E. C. Abbott has spent his entire life within the boundary lines of Pleasant township, as did his father before him. He is a grandson of John Abbott, born in New York State, and of English ancestry, who came to Brown county before the close of the eighteenth century. E. C. Abbott was born in Straight Creek, the early county seat, in 1833, son of Charles and Sarah (Brown) Abbott, successful farmers there. Charles Abbott was born on the same creek, one mile above, in 1809, and died in 1896, and the mother was born along the creek, one-half mile from her husband, in 1814, and died in 1856. The father's farm consisted of one hundred and sixty-six acres, and there the first county court was held. He was then nine years old, and, although a bashful boy, peeped in to see what was going on, and the loud talk of the lawyers and the writing he saw



them doing made a great impression on the country lad, making a scene he never forgot. He was very successful as a farmer and, in 1830, married Sarah Brown. By this marriage there were six children, the only survivors now being the subject of this sketch and his brother, Levi, who lives in Georgetown. Not only the parents, but the grandparents of Charles Abbott, as well, came to Brown county, making the trip from New York in a very early day.

Mr. Abbott attended school at Straight Creek and was reared to farm work, remaining at home until his marriage. He then kept house with his parent for a time and conducted the home farm. He purchased a farm at Free Soil, below Georgetown, which was his home for a period of thirty-three years, and he spent seventy years of his life in farming, a remarkable record. He retired from farming in 1902 and since then has resided in Georgetown. He lives in a nice home on North Main street and is well known there. He is a man of quiet, unassuming manner and much interested in his business affairs. He has well earned the rest and comfort he now enjoys and is much respected by all. He is genial and friendly and enjoys the society of his fellows, being well known and popular. He is not active in political affairs and votes independent of party, although he formerly voted the Democratic ticket.

In 1856, Mr. Abbott was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Davidson, who was born in White Oak, Brown county, in 1831, daughter of William and Katherine (Knouse) Davidson, who lived three miles from Higginsport and were successful farmers. Mr. Davidson was born in Brown county, in 1784, and his wife in Pennsylvania, in 1793. He died in 1839 and she in 1859. He was a millwright by trade and he and his wife had ten children, all now deceased, Mrs. Abbott, the last survivor having died January 2, 1913, lacking from January until June of being eighty-two years old. The grandfather of Mrs. Abbott, Joshua Davidson, served in the Revolutionary war and lived to be nearly one hundred years old.

Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Abbott, all born in Pleasant township: Flora, wife of Isaac M. Rainey, who lives on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres near where her father was born, and they have one child, Paul Reese; Charles W., who married Miss Mary Ellis, who died, and he later married Ella McBeth, and they have three children, Malcolm, Agnes and Ruth, and live on his grandfather's old farm;





Henry T., of Lafayette, Ind., who married Miss Emma Jane Wilson, and they have two children, Corwin C. and Eva; Frank P., of Los Angeles, Cal., who married Miss Ruth Hanselman, and they have two children, Ray and Mildred; Alice is at home with her father; Lena May is the wife of John F. Burris, of Norwood, Ohio, and they have four children, Gertrude, Carl, Virgil, and Beatrice. Mrs. Abbott was a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Abbott formerly belonged to the New Light church, until it was discontinued. In June, 1912, Mrs. Abbott fell and broke her hip, which resulted in her death, in January, 1913. She was a great sufferer from this cause, but bore her pain with great fortitude and bravery of spirit. Mr. Abbott is largely self-made and comes of good old pioneer stock, for his parents and grandparents had to clear the land for their farms and were very industrious and thrifty people.

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#### REV. LEWIS RICHEY.

Rev. Lewis Richey, of Georgetown, deputy county auditor, is descended from two of the oldest families of Brown county. He is one of the most competent of officials, is courteous in his dealings with the public, and is well and favorably known throughout Brown, Adams and Clermont counties as a minister of more than ordinary gifts. He was born in western Brown county, January 7, 1851, son of John Laken and Elizabeth (Trout) Richey, prominent farmers and prominent members of the community. John L. Richey was born in eastern Clermont county, in 1824, and died in 1890, and his wife was born in 1826 and died in 1902. She was born in western Brown county and both she and her husband are buried in Georgetown. The father was a Democrat in politics and took an active part in local affairs, serving as township trustee and assessor. They had twelve children, all born in Brown county, of whom seven are now living: William Lee, of Denver; Rev. Lewis; Tilghman, of Maple, Clermont county; Sophia, wife of Frank Hanna, of Norwood, Ohio; John Seymour lives in Maple on the line between Brown and Clermont counties; Augusta, wife of Oscar Dougherty, of Morrow, Warren county; O. F., of Feesburg, Ohio. The parents were originally Methodists, but later joined the Christian Union church. Both belonged to families who settled in Brown county in



an early day and were representative of the pioneer stock that made the early history of the region.

Rev. Richey began his education in the country schools and at Felicity, and for fourteen years taught school winters and did farming in the summer months. He then conducted a saw mill four years. These activities were carried on in Brown and Clermont counties, and in 1886 he was chosen deputy treasurer of Brown county. In January, 1890, he was appointed deputy sheriff and in October of the same year was appointed deputy auditor, holding the three positions named for a period of one year—an unprecedented record in the State. He was in the auditor's office until 1893 and the following year served as tax inquisitor in Adams and Pike counties. In 1895 he was appointed to a clerkship in the postoffice at Georgetown, and in 1900 was appointed an express messenger on the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth railway. He was appointed deputy auditor of Brown county on January 1, 1902, since which time he has well and faithfully performed the duties of the office, which is an important one. There are many difficult problems to be solved in the course of the routine, which he is well prepared to solve, and his training has fitted him in many ways to deal with the public to their general satisfaction. Although a Democrat in political views he is independent of party prejudices in general dealings, and appreciates the worth of a man, whatever his party may be. He is popular with all and has scores of friends in every community where he is known.

Rev. Richey preached for many years, from 1870 to September, 1911, and in 1910 and 1911 officiated in two different churches, one in Adams and one in Clermont county, of the Christian Union faith. However, on account of failing health, the work proved too arduous and he had to give it up, to his own regret and that of his parishoners. He is a member of the Masonic order and has attained the office of high priest, the highest in the Chapter. He has a very nice home, having erected the first residence at Harmon Heights, a recent addition to Georgetown. He is largely self-educated and self-made and is well fitted for the posts he has held. He received a good general and business education and has by private study gained his theological education and training. By untiring energy and a worthy aim in view, he studied and thought with such success that he is well known in his part of the State for his clear, concise expression of his deductions on im-





portant questions. His mind is trained to deep thought and he has worked hard in his chosen field. He frequently preached a fine sermon in the morning, ministered to the needs of another church in the afternoon, after driving many miles, and in the evening delivered a lecture on some important subject connected with theology. He has radiated a pure and refined influence in his daily life and is naturally modest and retiring in disposition. However, he is well prepared to stand before the public when he feels it is his duty to do so, and his business ability ranks with that of anyone in the county.

On January 24, 1874, Rev. Richey was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Dixon, born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1850, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Lawson) Dixon, and by this union there was one child born, Joseph Orville, who died at the age of thirteen years. Mrs. Richey died in 1879 and both she and her child are buried in Mount Zion cemetery.

On December 24, 1887, Mr. Richey married (second) Miss Sarah Frances Potts, born in Clermont county, near Bethel, in 1853, daughter of Landon and Serena (Wilson) Potts, and a distant relative of the newly elected President of the United States. The Wilson family are of an old and honored race and originally descended from George Wilson, who was a colonel in the French and Indian war. He had four sons, two of whom were killed in the Revolution, and one of the survivors was appointed Commissioner of War by Gen. George Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Potts were born in Virginia, he in 1813 and she in 1821. They removed to Kentucky and later to Ohio and located eventually in Tate township, Clermont county, where they carried on farming. Mr. Potts and wife were parents of eight children, five of whom survive, namely: Noral, of Tate township, Brown county; Barton H., of Brown county; Sebastian, of Newark, N. J.; Seymour L., of Brown county, and Sarah Frances, Mrs. Richey. Rev. and Mrs. Richey have been blessed with two children: John Leroy, born December 7, 1888, and Clinton Elwood, born March 5, 1890, both born in Georgetown. John L. graduated from Georgetown High School, attended the Young Men's Christian Association Law School one year, then studied law with a private tutor in Cincinnati and passed the State examination for admission to the bar, in 1911. He is now practicing his profession and is a member of the firm of Freiberg & Richey, of Cincinnati. Clinton Elwood graduated from Georgetown High School and works in the office of the Louisville & Nashville railroad in





Cincinnati. They are young men who make the hearts of their parents glow with pride and gratification.

Rev. Richey organized the first men's Bible class in the Georgetown Presbyterian church and was the first teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Methodist church there, and both he and his wife are enthusiastic workers in the Methodist church, she being especially in the Sunday school work, where she has a class of school teachers. They hold membership in the Christian Union church at Benton, Clermont county. David Miller Richey, an uncle of Rev. Richey, served in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war, and his son, John Wesley Richey, also served in that war as did also William S. Trout. Through Mrs. Richey's mother her children are entitled to belong to the Sons of the American Revolution, as she is in like manner eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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#### FRANK X. FREBIS.

One of the youngest men who ever held an important office in Brown county, Ohio, is Frank Xavier Frebis, who has served most efficiently as prosecuting attorney of the county for the past three years. He is a native of the county and belongs to one of its oldest and most respected families. He was born at Ripley, May 7, 1883, son of Frank X. and Ida M. (Schweitzer) Frebis. The father was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 14, 1850, and died in 1897, and Ida M. Schweitzer, the mother was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, July 27, 1858.

The subject of this sketch attended the Catholic school in Ripley for six years and graduated from Ripley High School, in 1901, after which he attended Ohio State University three years, graduating from the law department June 22, 1904. He was admitted to the bar on June 22d of the same year, at Columbus, and practiced his profession in Georgetown the following three years. He practiced the next three years at Ripley. In 1910 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Brown county and was re-elected in 1912 for two years. In performing the duties of his office he ever has the interests of the public at heart and is well qualified to give satisfaction. He is pleasant and accommodating wherever he finds it possible to



be so, and is very popular, having friends by the hundred. From 1904 to 1909 he was chairman of the county central committee of the Democratic party. He now resides on East State street, Georgetown.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Frebis was united in marriage with Grace M. Thompson, daughter of W. J. and Rebecca (Metzgar) Thompson. Mrs. Frebis is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her great-grandfather, John Thompson, having enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war at the age of sixteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Frebis have one daughter, Sara Frances, born June 19, 1909.

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### WILSON W. GRIMES.

Mr. Wilson W. Grimes, deceased, formerly a prominent farmer and highly esteemed citizen of near Decatur, Brown county, Ohio, was born near Decatur, Ohio, May 16, 1843, and was a son of John and Mary (Geeslin) Grimes.

John Grimes was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 29, 1803, and died March 17, 1862. He was a farmer by occupation and he and his wife, who was born in Virginia, June 4, 1800, died December 11, 1883, in Brown county, Ohio, were the parents of twelve children. Those living are:

Melcina, widow of James Burbage, lives near Decatur, Ohio. George resides at Ripley, Ohio.

William, lives near Decatur, Ohio.

Alice, widow of James Frances, lives in the West.

Wilson W. Grimes obtained his education in the district schools of Brown county, remaining with his father at home until the latter's death. Upon reaching his majority, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Heizer, on October 2, 1873. She was born at Center Point, five miles from Ripley, Ohio, October 21, 1857, and is a daughter of George and Mary Ann (De Moss) Heizer.

The great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Grimes was Valentine Heizer, who was a native of Germany and was killed there by being thrown from a horse on the race track. His son, John Heizer, was born in Germany, March 17, 1746, and immigrated to America, where he engaged as a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He was wounded in the thigh and died June 26, 1837, at the advanced age of ninety years, three months and





nine days. His wife, Elizabeth, (Mowery) Heizer, was born May 10, 1764, and died November 14, 1847, aged eighty-three years, six months and four days. Their son, George Heizer, the grandfather of Mrs. Grimes, was born March 11, 1799, and died October 7, 1889, aged ninety years, six months and twenty-six days. His wife, Margaret (Right) Heizer, was born October 15, 1805, and died June 23, 1876, at the age of seventy years, nine months and eight days. Their son, George W. Heizer, the father of Mrs. Grimes, was born October 27, 1828, and his wife, Mary Ann (De Moss) Heizer, was born October 11, 1830, and passed away November 1, 1874. Mr. George Heizer was a local preacher and teacher and farmer, teaching school and preaching during the winter months and farming in summer. He also held revival meetings and taught his last school in Highland county, Ohio, at the age of sixty years. He died October 21, 1891. They were the parents of ten children, and those living are: James Heizer, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. W. W. Grimes; John Wesley, of Chicago; Elizabeth, wife of William Sumner, living in Michigan, and Martha, wife of Alfred Smith, living in Nebraska.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes settled on a farm near Decatur and devoted their attention to the pursuits of agriculture. They remained at their first home farm until after the death of Mr. Grimes, May 18, 1910. In 1911 Mrs. Grimes and son, Otha, removed to Georgetown. Mr. Grimes gave especial attention to stock raising in addition to general farming. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, their names as follows:

Cora D., who attended the College of Music of Cincinnati, and taught music throughout Adams and Brown county for a number of years. She became the wife of John Moore, a successful farmer and stockman, and resides near Decatur.

Charles W. is a graduate of the Ada (Ohio) Law School, and for a number of years was engaged as teacher in Brown county. He assisted in the normals in Adams county at West Union. He married Miss Josephine Templeton, and resides at Tulsa, Okla. They have three sons, Philo W., Park T., and Oscar L. Mr. Grimes is now engaged in his profession of law, and also has extensive interests in oil.

William B. is engaged in the real estate business, and also in oil, of Tulsa, Okla., and married Miss Lydia Bloom.

Maggie J., wife of Rev. Glassburn, of Hancock, Iowa, is the mother of one son, Hugh Stuart. She attended the schools



of Decatur and for three years taught in the schools of Adams and Brown county, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, and a graduate of the Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill., taking a four-years theological course and receiving a degree of Bachelor of Divinity. After her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Glassburn spent six months in Iqueque, Chili, but returned on account of Rev. Glassburn's health. She has often filled the pulpit of her husband and is a bright and intelligent lady of much culture.

Archie E., a successful farmer, married Miss Mae Plummer and resides near Decatur, Ohio. They have one child, Eveline Lucile.

Nellie E. makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Glassburn.

Otha H. is attending high school at Georgetown.

Mr. Grimes was a good citizen and a kind and indulgent husband and father. He was a man of upright life and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In politics he voted for the issues of the Democratic party. He was a devout member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife and family.

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#### SIDNEY CORWIN GORDON, M. D.

Dr. Sidney C. Gordon, retired physician of Georgetown, Ohio, is a prominent citizen of Brown county, whose long and patriotic services during the Civil war of themselves entitle him to the esteem and admiration of his fellow citizens. His birth took place December 29, 1840, in Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, and he is a son of Dr. Thomas Winslow and Minerva Elvira (Scoville) Gordon, a sketch of whom appears with that of Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon, of Georgetown, Ohio, a brother of Dr. Gordon.

The education of Dr. S. C. Gordon was acquired first in the schools of Trumbull county, Ohio, later attending the schools at Niles, Ohio, at the same time as President McKinley. He came with his parents to Georgetown upon their removal from Trumbull county and at once entered the Georgetown school. After finishing the Georgetown school, Dr. Gordon entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and both before and after his graduation from this institution, read medicine with his father at Georgetown, until he entered the army of the Civil war.





In 1861, Dr. Gordon enlisted in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, Company C, as first sergeant, and was later appointed as assistant surgeon of the post at Camp Kenton, Ky., by General Nelson, and was later commissioned assistant surgeon of the Fifty-ninth Ohio. He served his country in this regiment until November, 1864, when he was mustered out with the regiment. In March, 1865, he was commissioned surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment and served until the close of the war. In the first enlistment, he had charge of the regiment in the battle of Chickamauga, and at Stone River; in the battle of Stone River one of the attendants was killed and one wounded in the shoulder.

After the close of the war, Dr. Gordon took up the practice of his profession with his father at Georgetown, but, on account of his impaired health, removed to the country, turning his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock raising. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Franklin township, where he remained until 1902, when he retired from active life and is now making his home in Georgetown, Ohio, renting his farm in Franklin township.

In February, 1872, Dr. S. C. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Olevia Marshall, who was born in Bethel, Ohio, in June, 1846, and is a daughter of William S. and Sophia Ann (Smith) Marshall.

William S. Marshall was born in Youngstown, Ohio, March 6, 1818, and died near Georgetown, Ohio, December 13, 1902. He was a saddler by trade, but, on account of his wife's health, removed to a farm in Scott township. He was a great worker in the cause of Prohibition, and was a Douglas Democrat during the war.

Sophia Ann (Smith) Marshall was born in Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, January 1, 1824, and died June 23, 1854. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Charles Smith, who was familiarly known in this section of the State as, "Uncle Charlie" Smith, and daughter of William Smith, a prominent merchant in Russellville, Ohio. "Uncle Charlie" Smith was born November 25, 1765, and married his cousin, Lucy Burgess. His father gave him negroes and several hundred acres of land in Kentucky, but, as he did not believe in slavery, he gave the slaves their freedom and came to the free territory of Ohio, where he farmed near Arnheim, in Brown county, until 1831, when he removed to New Market, Highland county, Ohio, where he died, November 25, 1844. He was a minister





of the Baptist church for nearly fifty years. He is buried in the Baptist churchyard on Straight creek, Brown county, Ohio. His wife died January 1, 1852, at the home of her son in Russellville. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had born to them two children, Mrs. Gordon and Patience Elizabeth, who passed away August 18, 1908.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon five children have been born:

Eleanor is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and inherits much of her grandfather Gordon's literary talents, having written a number of beautiful poems. She is first vice-president of the Epworth League and secretary of the Dorcas Society, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and historian of Taliaferro chapter.

William Winslow, who was born December 13, 1875, is a resident of Florida, where he has a thriving truck garden. He is a member of the Methodist church, and is active in politics.

Claribel, commonly known as Clara, graduated in 1908 from the Huntington (West Virginia) Training School for Nurses. She is a post-graduate of Manhattan (New York) Hospital, in eye, ear, nose and throat. She is a post-graduate of the Hillcrest Surgical Hospital of Pittsfield, Mass. She is a very brilliant lady and is busy all the time. She is a member of the daughters of the American Revolution and has held four hospital positions. She is a member of the State Association of Graduate Nurses, of West Virginia and Ohio. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Sophia Scoville died in 1898, when eighteen years of age.

Hugh Byron was born March 23, 1882, and attended the district school of the county, after which he taught school for three years. He then entered the Miami University, from which he graduated with honors in 1908. In 1912 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Ill. He passed the civil service examination, No. 8, in a class of several thousand, and later held a government position as assistant chemist in the agricultural department in Chicago, Ill., and later a teacher of chemistry in the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, Okla.

Dr. S. C. Gordon is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In religious belief, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon are members of the Methodist church, of which he is one of the stewards. Mrs. Gordon is president of the Ladies' Bible class; president of



the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and first vice-president of the Research Club. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Gordon has a great-aunt, Mrs. Iley Lawson Hill, whose father was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, as was also her grandfather, William Lawson. Mrs. Gordon is a second cousin to General Grant, and her daughter, Clara, is a life member of the Grant Family Association.

Dr. Gordon is a charter member of the Brown County Medical Association, formed in 1860, and is the only charter member now living.

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### BYRON WINSLOW GORDON.

Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon, a retired farmer residing at Georgetown, Ohio, was born March 5, 1847, in Trumbull county, Ohio, a son of Dr. Thomas Winslow and Minerva Elvira (Scoville) Gordon.

Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, September 23, 1819, and his death occurred at Georgetown, Ohio, April 21, 1900. Winslow is a family name; the maternal grandfather of Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon being Seth Winslow, a native of Massachusetts, who removed to Naples, New York, and a direct descendant of Edward Winslow, one of the immortal pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower. Mrs. Gordon, mother of Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon, died in Warren county, Ohio, in 1849. Dr. Gordon came to Georgetown, Ohio, in 1850, and practiced medicine. He was a very scholarly man, having studied and read law, but not intending to practice this profession, he did not qualify for admission to the bar. He was a noted literary man also, and wrote many articles for the papers and magazines. In the autumn of 1854, he took the editorship of "The Independent American," a weekly literary and political paper published in Georgetown, Ohio. Many of his literary and scientific articles appeared under the non de plume of "Orion." He was, for several years, president of a literary club formed by writers of Brown and Clermont counties, called the "Poetical Union." Dr. Gordon was the first president of Brown County Academy of Medicine, and was a member of the first meteorological society formed in the West. This society was possibly the first formed in the United States. Dr. T. W.





Gordon was a leading physician and surgeon of Georgetown, Ohio, and was surgeon in the Ninety-seventh Ohio from August, 1862, to June, 1864. He was wounded at Mission Ridge and resigned from the service. He was the oldest of fifteen children, two of whom are living: Esther, widow of a Mr. Nichols, of Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, and Samuel Gordon, a resident of Dakota. Dr. Gordon married Miss Minerva Elvira Scoville in the year 1836. She was born in Viena, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1818, and died in December, 1869. She was a daughter of Asahel Scoville and wife. The Scovilles were natives of Trumbull county and Asahel was a clock maker, and later a farmer. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His father, Amasa, who came to Trumbull county from Connecticut in 1811 was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon became the parents of eight children, five of whom were born in Trumbull county and three in Brown. Their names follow in order of birth:

William, who died in infancy.

Minnie, wife of Hugh Gilmore, and later of James Mills, both of whom are deceased.

Dr. Sidney C. is retired from active labors and is a resident of Georgetown, Ohio. He served in the Civil war as assistant surgeon of the Fifty-ninth Ohio, and later was commissioned surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio.

Henry Franklin, a resident of Forrest Grove, Ore., is a veteran of the Civil war.

Byron Winslow, the subject of this mention.

Olivia Gertrude, wife of Dr. M. B. Ketchum, of Los Angeles, Cal. He is dean of the Southern California College of Optometry and Ophthalmology. Their residence is at Santa Monica, twenty miles from Los Angeles.

One girl baby died in infancy.

Gus Scoville, born in 1862, is a resident of Quincy, Wash.

Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon attended the Georgetown school, thus obtaining a good common school education. He entered the business world in the printing office of Mr. John G. Doren, who was editor of the "Southern Ohio Argus," where he became thoroughly familiar with the printer's trade. He had spent three or four years at this occupation when the Civil war broke out, and he became a volunteer in the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment, in Company H, and later hospital steward.

In 1865, Mr. Gordon returned to Georgetown, where, in 1869,



he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie J. Hicks, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, only daughter of John and Anna (Fenton) Hicks, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon was born one child, Anna L., who is deceased. Mrs. Gordon's death occurred in November, 1875, and her burial took place at Georgetown, Ohio.

In January, 1890, Mr. Gordon married Miss Nannie Kautz, born May 1, 1869, in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, her parents being William and Elizabeth (Young) Kautz, the former of whom was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in August, 1840, and is a farmer in Lewis township, and the latter of whom was born July 4, 1839, and passed away March 6, 1890.. To them were born five children, their births all occurring in Brown county:

Dr. James W., of Cincinnati.

Emma Grace, who died at the age of eleven months.

Mrs. B. W. Gordon.

M. Fannie, who resides with her father.

Flora Elizabeth, wife of John N. Parker, of Albuquerque, N. M.

Two daughters have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon:

Ruth Winslow, who was born January 13, 1891, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School.

Elizabeth Scoville, who was born October 25, 1897, and is attending the high school of Georgetown. She takes great interest in music and drawing and was awarded first premium at the Brown county fair in 1912, for drawing the best map of Pleasant township.

Mr. Gordon devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits from the close of the Civil war until 1896, when he removed his family to Georgetown. He carried on general farming in Franklin township, on a fine tract of ninety-six acres. He now has a very pretty home on Apple street, which he has remodeled and put in fine condition. He has about eight acres of ground and although he has retired from active life, is still a very busy man.

In politics, Mr. Gordon is a staunch Republican and, although he does not desire public office, takes an interest in all questions of public interest.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In religious matters, Mr. Gordon is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his family embrace the faith of the





Presbyterian church, and give liberally to the support of that denomination.

Mr. Gordon is largely self-made, and it is to his untiring energy and enterprise that he is now enabled to lay down some of life's more arduous tasks. He has been a member of the Georgetown school board for the past nine years.

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### WALTER SCOTT LIMING.

Among the younger men who have attained positions of trust and responsibility in Brown county may be mentioned Walter Scott Liming, of an old and highly respected pioneer family of this region. He has proven his ability as a business man and his worth in a general way by the position he has reached, that of cashier of the Citizens' Bank, of Hamersville. He was born in that town, June 23, 1887, son of James Orange and Sarah J. (Ousler) Liming, also natives of Hamersville. James Orange was a son of Jasper Liming, a very early settler of Brown county, who was at one time a very large landholder, and who married Margaret Redmon. He came from Pennsylvania and became one of the most influential citizens of the county. The father of Mrs. James O. Liming, Charles Ousler, was owner and captain of a boat on the Ohio river for some time before coming to Brown county. A genealogy of the Liming family is in preparation and will be of interest to persons of the name all over the country.

James O. Liming was born July 6, 1855, and died June 29, 1908, and his wife, who was the only daughter of Charles Ousler, was born November 25, 1863, and resides in Hamersville. Mr. Liming was a graduate of the mathematical and engineering department of the Lebanon Normal School, and when a young man engaged in stock raising on a somewhat extensive scale. He was very successful and became known for the high grade of stock he kept in Brown and surrounding counties. He was a man of high principle and an influential and intelligent citizen, counting his friends by the hundred. He was an able business man and was industrious and ambitious. He was a farmer in Clark township and was well known as an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party. He was the youngest man ever elected to the office of justice of the peace at Hamersville and held it some years. Both he





and his wife represented old families and were very well known. They had eight children, all born in Brown county: Melville Darst, an attorney of Boston, and a teacher in Tufts College, is a graduate of Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio; the second child died in infancy; Walter Scott is the immediate subject of this sketch; Mabel Marguerite, a graduate of Clark Township High School, is taking a course in a Cincinnati hospital for trained nurse; Jasper Ousler is a graduate of Clark Township High School, is unmarried and lives at home, being a farmer; Lelia Laurie attends Georgetown High School, being a member of the senior class; Nelva Naoma attends schools at Hamersville; Homer is at home. Melville Darst taught school at Woodstock, Ill., two years, and one year in Michigan City, Ind., and received the degree of Master of Arts from the law department of Harvard University. He has recently completed the genealogy of the family, which has been an arduous task, which, however, he has given his best and most conscientious attention. The mother of these children is a member of the Methodist church, to which the father contributed, but which he did not join.

Walter S. Liming began his education in local schools and after completing the course in Clark Township High School attended Miami University a few years. His first occupation was teaching in Brown county, which he continued three years, then was elected cashier of Hamersville Citizens' Bank, which post he has since filled to the satisfaction of all concerned. He began his duties in this connection January 1, 1912. He is a man of retiring disposition and modesty, but fulfills his duties in business and as a citizen with a steadfast attention to detail that recommends him to all. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is an Odd Fellow. He makes his home with his mother.

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### SAMUEL KAUTZ.

The varied and extensive interests of Mr. Samuel Kautz in Brown county, Ohio, classes him among the most influential and prominent business men of this section. Mr. Kautz is a native of Brown county and has been closely identified with the county's material growth and development. His birth occurred on a farm near Arnheim, and his natal day was June 13, 1853. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Berry) Kautz.



Jacob Kautz was born April 9, 1809, in Germany, and died near Arnheim, March 13, 1884, while his wife was born in Germany, in 1813, and died in 1884. They came to America in 1830 and settled in Brown county, where for many years they were numbered among the successful and substantial farmers of the county. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom were born on the home farm near Arnheim, Brown county, Ohio. Two of these children died in infancy.

Jacob died in action during the Civil war.

Caleb is a resident of Cincinnati.

Philip served his country during the Civil war and passed away in Kansas, in 1912.

Davis was captured while in service in the Civil war and was a prisoner in Andersonville prison for eleven months. His death took place soon after his return home, resulting from the exposure and privations of army life.

Mary is the widow of Adam Gross, of Arnheim.

John, of Fincastle, Brown county, Ohio.

Fred, of Georgetown, Ohio.

George also is a resident of Fincastle, Ohio.

Samuel, our subject.

Mr. Samuel Kautz was reared to farm life and when of school age attended the district school near Arnheim, while assisting in the duties incident to country life, remaining with his parents until their deaths, in 1884.

In the year 1876 Mr. Samuel Kautz was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Bohrer who was born in Arnheim, a daughter of Jacob and Mary E. (Bohl) Bohrer, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America about 1830 and became the parents of nine children:

Kate, who died in young womanhood.

Adam, of Brown county, Ohio.

Jacob resided in Illinois until his death, in 1908.

Caroline is a resident of Georgetown, Ohio.

Lizzie, the wife of our subject.

Lewis H., also of Brown county.

Tilda and Louisa, of Georgetown.

Fred resides on a part of the old home farm in Brown county. Mr. Bohrer died in 1883, while his wife passed away in 1904. They were energetic and industrious farmers of Brown county for many years, being among the earliest families who came into the county when it was necessary to clear away the timber before a home could be erected.





After the death of his parents, Mr. Kautz removed to Arnheim, where for four years he was postmaster, in connection with which position he conducted a small grocery store. During the greater part of his active life he has handled leaf tobacco quite extensively, buying and selling.

It is impossible for a man of the ability of Mr. Kautz to avoid prominence in politics and he was elected by the Democratic party as assessor of Franklin township, in 1878, for a term of three years, and in 1882 was elected township clerk for a term of eight years. In 1890 Mr. Kautz was elected real estate assessor of Franklin township. The following year he moved to Georgetown, and in 1905 was elected treasurer of Brown county, serving in this capacity for five years.

In 1911 he was elected secretary of the Ohio Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Georgetown, Ohio, and in 1907 was elected president of the Marble and Granite Company, also of Georgetown.

Mr. Kautz is a member of the fraternal orders of Masons and Knights of Pythias.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz are four children and all of them were born in Brown county.

William A., who was born in 1877, married Miss Elizabeth Bohl, and to them have been born two children, Herschel and Ruth. Their residence is at Georgetown, Ohio, where Mr. Kautz is bookkeeper of the Ohio Tobacco Warehouse Company. He is a graduate of the Lexington College of Bookkeeping.

Luella Matilda, born in 1879, is the wife of Clarence Smith, and lives in Norwood, Ohio.

Edward Jacob, who was born in 1881, married Miss Fannie Theis. Their home is in Hamilton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Ada, Ohio, Scientific Course and also of the Ann Arbor, Mich., Law School.

Harvey Lewis, who was born in 1884, resides with his father and is assistant bookkeeper at the tobacco warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Kautz are devout members of the Presbyterian church and enjoy the pleasure of having all of their family with them in their belief. Mr. Kautz is at present one of the elders of that denomination.

The business activity of Mr. Kautz has been of such a nature that the town has been greatly benefited by his residence. He is a liberal citizen and is counted among the substantial men of Brown county, Ohio.



## W. J. JACOBS.

Mr. W. J. Jacobs, one of the well known citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, where he is engaged in the coal and lumber business, was born near Georgetown, October 8, 1846, his parents being Alfred and Rebecca Ann (Ellis) Jacobs.

Alfred Jacobs was born near Russellville on a farm, January 23, 1820, and passed from this life January 3, 1907, and is laid to rest in the Georgetown Confidence cemetery. During his active life Mr. Jacobs followed the occupation of farming and was an extensive stock trader. He was greatly interested in politics and was elected sheriff of Brown county in 1860, serving in this capacity for a term of four years. He was a member of the Universalist church and was in every way a most honorable gentleman. Mrs. Jacobs was born at Georgetown, Ohio, May 3, 1824, and passed to her eternal reward on the 16th of June, 1853. To her union with Mr. Jacobs six children were born, five of whom grew to maturity. They are:

Malinda J., deceased.

W. J., our subject.

I. N., a resident of Georgetown, Ohio

Noah E., deceased.

Mary Isabel, who became the wife of William A. Thompson, is also deceased.

For his second wife Mr. Jacobs married Miss Mary America Ellsberry and they became the parents of four children:

Minerva M., wife of Van P. Denton, resides near Chicago.

Rebecca married Rev. James R. Conner, of Garrettsville, Ohio.

Charles W. lives near Xenia, Ohio.

James Jacobs, grandfather of W. J. Jacobs, of this mention, was a native of Scotland and he and his family were among the first to settle in Brown county. From him the present generation inherits much of that sturdy character that is a chief characteristic of that race of people.

Mr. W. J. Jacobs acquired his education in the Georgetown schools and later in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio. At the expiration of the course at Lebanon Mr. Jacobs entered upon his business career at once, entering the woolen mills at Georgetown as bookkeeper, which position he held from 1870 to 1874. He then engaged himself as clerk in the grocery store of Mr. Adams Stevens until 1877, when he was



appointed deputy auditor of Brown county, on the Democratic ticket, under County Auditor E. Roney. In 1880 he was elected county auditor and served in this capacity for two terms.

In 1877, Mr. Jacobs formed a partnership with Mr. F. A. Stevens in the grocery business and continued in this association for four years. He was again appointed deputy county auditor, under County Auditor H. L. Jennings, and filled this office for six years. He then served four years as deputy auditor under County Auditor McCall.

The next venture of Mr. Jacobs was made in July, 1892, when he formed a partnership in the coal and lumber business with Mr. Louis Mischler, who is mentioned elsewhere on the pages of these volumes, purchasing the coal and lumber yard of Mr. S. W. Blair. The association formed at this time still continues and the firm is known as the Georgetown Coal and Lumber Company. The reliable dealing of the firm has brought to them an unusual degree of prosperity.

On January 2, 1877, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Waterman, who was born in Georgetown and is a daughter of Wilson and Narcissa (Kendall) Waterman, the former of whom was born near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1818, and died in 1888. The latter was born in Brown county, in 1826, and died October 17, 1889. They were highly esteemed farmers of Pleasant township and were the parents of five children, all born in Brown county. Three are now living:

Wealthy, who married M. D. Ross, of Felicity, Ohio.

Nettie, wife of William M. White, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mrs. W. J. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have become the parents of four children, whose births occurred in Brown county. They are:

Anna R., widow of F. M. Thompson, of Georgetown, Ohio, who is the mother of four children, Jasper King, Karl Rees, Nell Conner and Ralph Fagin.

Nell M., who became the wife of Dr. V. A. Dodd, of Columbus, Ohio. They are the parents of two children, Vern A., Jr., and Jane. Mrs. Dodd is a graduate of the Georgetown High School.

Julia B. is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and later of the Protestant Hospital, of Columbus, Ohio. Prior to her course in the hospital she took a course in kindergarten work in Cincinnati, where she taught for some time. She resides at the home of her parents.





Jasper Lee, who was born in July, 1886, is also at home.

Capt. Lute Egbert, an uncle of Mrs. Jacobs, served in Company C, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, during the Civil war, and Capt. U. S. G. White, of Georgetown, Ohio, is her cousin.

Mr. Jacobs is a man of great ability and is very popular with those who know him. His business standing is of the very best in the community and his energy and integrity is one of the salient factors of his success. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have reared a family of whom they are justly proud and their home is one of comfort and hospitality.

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### EDGAR H. KENNEDY.

Mr. Edgar H. Kennedy is pre-eminently a business man and one who has wielded a wide influence in the commercial circles of Brown county, Ohio, where almost his entire life thus far has been spent. He is well qualified to handle the extensive business of the Georgetown Marble and Granite Works, of which he is secretary, treasurer, general manager and part owner. This industry is located at Georgetown, Ohio, and the company is doing a splendid business. The territory which they supply with their goods covers a radius of fifty miles, which includes the counties of Brown, Clermont, Adams, Highland, Warren, Hamilton and Clinton, in Ohio, and, in addition, a number of counties in Kentucky. Mr. Kennedy is a son of Walter and Lydia M. (Keethler) Kennedy, of Mt. Orab, Ohio, and was born in Pike township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1868.

The ancestors of the Kennedy family were originally from Pennsylvania, and, in 1811, John Kennedy, great-grandfather of our subject, and James Kennedy, grandfather, came down the Ohio river on logboats and settled in Brown county, where they cleared the timber and erected homes for their families. They became prominent farmers of Clark township, Brown county.

Walter Kennedy, a son of James Kennedy, was born in 1845, while his wife was born in 1848. They followed the occupation of farming for many years and are now enjoying a well earned rest at their pleasant home at Mt. Orab, Ohio. Mr. Kennedy responded to his country's call for volunteers



during the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. E. H. Kennedy obtained a good common school education in the schools of Brown county, which was supplemented with a short course at Hillsboro, Ohio. He began his business career as teacher and was occupied in this profession for a period of nine years.

Having always taken an intelligent interest in the political questions of the day, Mr. Kennedy was appointed deputy sheriff under Robert Campbell and, in 1900, was elected sheriff for Brown county on the Democratic ticket, and re-elected in 1902, serving four years. He has also served his party as clerk of Green township, his former home. In all his public life he has been conscientious in the discharge of his official duties to the entire approval of his constituents.

In the year of 1896 Mr. Edgar H. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Etta L. Kress, of Highland county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Minerva (Hite) Kress, the former of whom was born in Brown county, in 1840, and died in 1906, and the latter of whom was born in Brown county, in 1847, and passed away in 1892. Mr. Kress enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry in 1861. Later the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Ohio regiments were consolidated, he serving as a first lieutenant in the Thirty-sixth regiment until the close of the war. After the close of the war he engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Highland county, where he and his wife reared a family of five children. Of that family two are now living, Mrs. E. H. Kennedy and Mr. Clyde Kress, of Sardinia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have two children, Ruth Elizabeth and Mary Helen.

Mr. Kennedy is one of a family of four children and is first in order of birth. The others are:

Cora, who died at the age of sixteen.

John, a resident of Amelia, Ohio.

Effie, who became the wife of Ed Curren, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Kennedy has fraternal relations with the Masonic lodge, of Georgetown, Ohio, and is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, of Mt. Orab, Ohio. He is one of the most highly respected members of Georgetown's social circles, and is identified with all that tends to the betterment of the community in which he lives.





## JOHN G. QUINLAN.

John G. Quinlan, minister, teacher, lecturer and evangelist, is one of the most valued citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, where his popularity is everywhere evidenced. Not only is Mr. Quinlan well known in his native county, but also throughout Ohio and Illinois, where his evangelistic work has taken him. Mr. Quinlan is the present pastor of the Disciples church at Bethel, Ohio, in addition to which he is principal of the Georgetown High School. He has lectured extensively on religious and temperance subjects and he has made a study of political science, enabling him to speak at political and religious conventions, picnics and reunions. He is a native of Georgetown, Ohio, his birth occurring October 7, 1865, in the old jail, where his father was deputy sheriff. His parents were A. G. and Mary S. (Jacobs) Quinlan.

A. G. Quinlan was born in Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1835, and passed away in 1891. He was a teacher in Brown and Clermont counties and was deputy sheriff and auditor of Brown county. In later years he became a farmer in Pleasant township, Brown county. He was a member of the Home Guards, but not being strong physically he was unable to go to war. His wife was born near Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, in 1843. Ten children were born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity.

Bina L. passed away in 1887.

Flora B., wife of Joseph Dunn, resides in Georgetown.

Ida M., wife of Ira L. Tracy, lives north of Georgetown.

John G., our subject.

Edgar A. is operating the home farm and cares for his mother.

Bertha L. married Dr. J. R. Brown, of Georgetown, Ohio, Richard is a resident of Norwood, Ohio.

Irma is at home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Quinlan and the members of the family are members of the Disciple church.

Mr. John G. Quinlan is a descendant of Irish ancestors who lived in the northern part of Ireland, being of Catholic faith. When the religious and political trouble arose in Ireland they removed to county Clare, where, in the seventeenth century, they built a castle. The first of the Quinlan family to come to America was a member of the party of Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland. The great-grandfather of Mr.



John G. Quinlan ran away from his home in Maryland to join the army in western Pennsylvania that put down the whiskey insurrection during Washington's second administration, about 1794. Four sons came west and settled in Clermont county, Ohio. One of these sons was Benjamin Quinlan, grandfather of John G. John Quinlan, brother of Benjamin, was a highly respected squire of Bethel, Ohio, for many years. All four of these brothers lived useful and upright lives in this part of Ohio and are laid to rest in the old cemetery at Bethel.

Mr. John G. Quinlan enjoyed the educational privileges of the Eureka College, of Eureka, Ill., entering school in the fall of 1889 and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1895. After completing this course he entered the ministry at Lafayette, Stark county, Illinois, and for a period of two years was occupied in preaching and for three was occupied as superintendent of schools. Following this time he spent a year at New Bedford, Ill., as a minister, and the two years following at Alpha, Henry county, Illinois, as superintendent of schools. The next four years were spent in New Boston, Mercer county, Illinois, where Mr. Quinlan was superintendent of schools. He then removed to Keithsburg, Ill., where he became the pastor of the Disciples church at that place, and in connection with his ministerial duties had charge of the business interests of the Times-Record, of Mercer county, Illinois, in Keithsburg and Seaton. At the expiration of this engagement Mr. Quinlan resigned all his interests in Illinois and returned to the county of his nativity. In December of 1907 he entered the ministry at Georgetown and during the years of 1908 and 1909 conducted the religious services at the church in Georgetown and neighboring churches. In the fall of 1909 he became the principal of the Georgetown High School. On January 1, 1910, he assumed charge of the Bethel Disciple Church, which he still holds.

The marriage of Mr. John G. Quinlan to Miss Ella E. Hill occurred July 26, 1893. She was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, February 11, 1869, and is a daughter of William and Mary (Rees) Hill, the former of whom was born near Higginsport, Ohio, in 1838, and died in 1911, and the latter of whom was born near Feesburg, Ohio, and died in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1871, aged twenty-five years. Of the three children born to this worthy couple two died in infancy, only Mrs. Quinlan reaching mature years.



In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan three children have come to gladden and brighten their home, their names follow:

Joseph A., who was born in Eureka, Ill., July 20, 1895, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and will enter the Cincinnati University in the fall of 1913 for a course in telephony.

William Vern, who was born near Georgetown, Ohio, October 4, 1896, attends the high school at Georgetown.

Edgar E., who was born in Lafayette, Ill., January 28, 1900, is also attending school.

Mrs. John G. Quinlan is a member of the Eastern Star and is eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is a member of the Research Club.

Mr. Quinlan is a Democrat in politics, but votes independently, for the best men and measures. He has made a study of political science and frequently lectures on subjects bearing on issues and questions of the day.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Quinlan are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

During the past year he has taken up insurance business, taking the interest of Mr. Charles Biehn, who has removed to Texas, and Mr. Thomas W. Weaver.

Mr. Quinlan has offices over the People's National Bank and is one of the busiest men in Brown county. His ambition to be able to speak on any subject at any time has surely been accomplished, and his preaching, teaching, writing and speaking have made him a well known and popular citizen. He is also representative for Brown county of the Geiger-Jone Company, of Canton, Ohio, underwriters of industrial securities.

Mrs. Quinlan is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and taught music for two years.

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#### FRANCIS M. SMITH.

Mr. Francis M. Smith, retired merchant and real estate dealer, of Georgetown, Ohio, has for many years been one of the useful and prominent citizens of Brown county, where he was born, in 1844, his parents being Nicholas and Sallie (Spires) Smith.





The Simth family is one of the old established ones of Brown county and of Ohio. The grandfather of the subject of this review, Benjamin Smith, was a native of Maryland and moved to Kentucky some time prior to 1803, after which time he settled in Brown county, Ohio, four miles from Georgetown, in 1804. His death occurred soon after the close of the war of 1812.

Nicholas Smith was born in Mason county, Kentucky, in September, 1801, and died in 1876. He was a farmer and a justice of the peace for many years. His marriage to Miss Sallie Spires took place in 1825, and to them were born ten children.

Benjamin C. was a farmer of Brown county, Ohio, now deceased.

Alexander was a resident of Pike county, Illinois, now deceased.

Richard was a member of the Forty-eighth regiment, Company H, Ohio volunteers, and was killed at Pittsburg Landing, in 1862, when but a few months in the service.

James G. enlisted in Company I, Forty-eighth Ohio volunteers and served five years. His death occurred soon after his return from the war.

Sallie Ann, who was the wife of Samuel Remley, is deceased.

Rebecca J., widow of William J. D. Boothby, lives in Brown county, Ohio.

Mary Elizabeth, wife of Spence Wallace, who was a soldier in the Civil war, is deceased.

Francis M., the subject of this mention.

Mrs. Sallie (Spires) Smith was of English descent and was born in Maryland, April 13, 1800, and died in 1887. She was brought to Ohio by her parents, in 1812. Her father served in the war of the Revolution.

Francis M. Smith obtained his education in the schools of Brown county and spent the days of his youth on the farm of his father. He desired to enter the army of the Civil war and volunteered, but was rejected on account of disability. He taught school for some years in Brown county, and then entered the mercantile business, in 1871, at Mt. Orab, and, in 1876, sold out and retired. In 1884 he established a mercantile business in Georgetown, where he continued until 1887. From 1890 to 1893 he was occupied in the real estate business in Columbus, Ohio, returning to Georgetown in 1893, entering again into the mercantile business. He continued in this line of work until 1906, when he retired from active life.



Mr. Smith has always taken an active interest in all worthy enterprises of the community in which he lives. He was one of the incorporators of the People's National Bank, of Georgetown, Ohio, and has been one of the directors and has held the office of vice-president of that bank since its organization, in 1903. He was one of the seven directors of what is now the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, for seven years, during its constructive period.

In 1867, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Rice, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, near Bethel, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Swing) Rice. Mrs. Smith died in 1868.

In 1875, Mr. Smith became the husband of Mrs. Mary E. Cochran, who in maidenhood was Mary E. Richards, a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in 1842, and a daughter of James and Violet (Thompson) Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were both natives of Brown county and were enterprising farmers. Of their large family but four are now living: Charles, a resident of Missouri, and James, who lives in Dakota; Amanda, wife of Rev. Hayward, of Mishawaka, Ind., and Minnie, wife of William Trisler, of near Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one child, Sallie Violet, who was born in Brown county, in June, 1876, and married Dr. J. N. Meyers, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Smith was the mother of two children by her former marriage to Mr. Cochran, of whom one is living, Peggie, who married George W. King, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1902 and was laid to rest in Georgetown cemetery. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Smith's third marriage occurred September 17, 1907, when he wedded Miss Anna B. McKibben, who was born in Georgetown, Ohio, a daughter of Hervey and May J. (Young) McKibben. Mr. McKibben was born in Clermont county, Ohio, and was reared in Augusta, Ky., and died when Mrs. Smith was a young child. Mrs. McKibben was born in Higgsport, Ohio, and died in 1907, in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. McKibben was a merchant of Georgetown and was clerk of the courts of Brown county on the Republican ticket. He was active in politics and held many township offices. He bought the red brick house on Grant avenue opposite the postoffice at a very early date and spent the greater part of his life there. They had seven children grow to maturity.





Mary L., who married J. R. Moore, an attorney of Georgetown, Ohio.

Charles, deceased.

George L., who resides at Van Wert, Ohio.

Grant W., who is in the insurance business at Georgetown, Ohio.

Mrs. F. M. Smith.

Sallie, wife of T. C. Rapp, of Kokomo, Ind.

Jeannette, wife of Mr. Cropper, a real estate dealer of Georgetown, Ohio.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Georgetown. She is a member of the Methodist church and is a charter member of the Eastern Star.

For a period of twenty-five years Mr. Smith served the Methodist Sunday school as superintendent, and practically all his life he has held some office in the Methodist church, of which he has long been a consistent member.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics and was serving on the board of education at the time the present school house was erected and has held various township offices in Green township.

Mr. Smith is a man of upright life, who well represents the very best citizenship of this section, and is widely known and everywhere respected. He is self-made and from a small beginning has accumulated a goodly competence, owning besides his pretty home on North Main street, several tenant houses and a number of business houses. Mrs. Smith has assisted him materially in all of his enterprises and their home is one of ideal comfort.

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### JAMES W. ROBERTSON, V. S.

Numbered among the rising young business men of Georgetown, Ohio, is Dr. James W. Robertson, practicing veterinary surgeon. Although not long a resident of Clermont county, Dr. Robertson has a fine practice and has made himself many friends. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, October 17, 1885, and his parents, William and Jane (Wallace) Robertson, are also natives of Scotland.

William Robertson was born in 1854, while his wife was



born in 1860. Mr. Robertson came to America in 1882 and spent four years in Pittsburgh, but returned to his native land, where he and his wife and daughter now reside. They were the parents of four children, whose names are as follows:

William, of Detroit, Mich., is chief draftsman for the Northern Electrical Engineering Company.

James W., the subject of this sketch.

Albert, of Detroit, is in business college at that place.

Grace is with her parents in Scotland.

James W. Robertson attended the schools of Scotland and is a graduate of the Valparaiso, Ind., School. After finishing the high school Dr. Robertson became a student of the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he graduated with high degrees. His first practice in his profession was at Dayton, Ohio, where he remained for three years. Since the expiration of that period he has been engaged in his profession at Georgetown, with offices in the National Hotel. From youth Dr. Robertson displayed business ability and his future is very bright.

Dr. Robertson is one of the city's public spirited men, and is a useful member of the society of that place. His personal character is one that commands respect and his affable manner makes many fast friends.

In fraternal circles Dr. Robertson is well and favorably known, having membership with the Masons and Woodmen.

In politics, Dr. Robertson votes for the men and measures of the Democratic party.

He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and is a liberal supporter of that denomination.

The personal success of Dr. Robertson is due largely to his enterprising and energetic disposition and he is a credit to the community in which he lives.

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### THOMAS W. WEAVER.

Numbered among the representatives of the early families of Brown county, Ohio, is Mr. Thomas W. Weaver, a prominent citizen of Georgetown, conducting a prosperous real estate and insurance business. The grandparents of Mr. Weaver were among the very first to settle in Brown county, and it was necessary for them to clear away the timber



before erecting their home. Thomas W. Weaver was born in Georgetown, Ohio, August 15, 1857, and is a son of Louis L. and Eliza A. (Hicks) Weaver.

Louis L. Weaver was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825, and passed to his eternal reward on December 8, 1871. He was but four years of age when his parents determined to seek their fortune in the New World, and thither they came, in 1829, settling in Franklin township, and later at Georgetown. Mr. Weaver learned the trade of saddler with Thomas Walker, in Georgetown, and later engaged in the saddler's business for himself, having a shop in Georgetown until his death.

Eliza A. (Hicks) Weaver was born in Washington, D. C., March 4, 1827, and died in February, 1897. The Hicks family were Southern people and were originally from Virginia. When a small child she was taken and reared by Thomas L. Hamer, then a member of Congress. Mrs. Weaver became the mother of eight children, five of whom grew to maturity:

Francis M., deceased.

Charles G., a resident of Georgetown, Ohio.

George K. and Katie, deceased.

Thomas W., our subject.

Mr. Thomas W. Weaver attended the schools of Georgetown, Ohio, until he reached the age of thirteen years, when because of the death of his father he was forced to leave school to assist his widowed mother. He began his business life in the shoe store of Mr. L. F. Roth, and gradually rose from one position to another until he finally became a partner in the business, the firm name being Roth & Weaver. He continued in this business until he reached the age of thirty years. In addition to this business Mr. Weaver has been interested in a cigar manufactory in Georgetown and has traveled some in the interests of the cigar company. In 1900 he took up the real estate business, together with the insurance work, and until the past year has been associated with Mr. Charles Biehm, the firm being known as Weaver & Biehm. Mr. Biehm has within the past year removed to Texas, selling his interests to Mr. John A. Quinlan, mention of whom is made on another page. Mr. Weaver has offices over the People's National Bank, corner of Main street and Grant avenue, and among the companies he represents are the North British Company, the Royal of England, Northern of England, Home of New York, National of Connecticut, Philadelphia Underwriters,





Fire Association of Philadelphia, German-American of New York, Union Central of St. Louis, Penn of Philadelphia, Home Life of New York, American Casualty Company of Pennsylvania and the New Amsterdam Casualty Company of New York. Mr. Weaver has one of the largest insurance agencies in Georgetown. His real estate business is all local, and mostly for other people.

In September, 1882, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ella Crouch, who was born in Matamoras, Woodford county, Illinois, in 1859, and is a daughter of Aaron D. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Crouch, the former of whom was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1830, and died in January, 1912, after having conducted an undertaking establishment of great credit for many years in Georgetown. His death was very sudden, occurring but a few hours before he and his family were to start for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver at their winter home in Florida. Mrs. Crouch was born in Georgetown, in 1834, and still resides in the pretty home erected for her by her husband before his death. Her ancestors were from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch were the parents of three children, Mrs. Weaver being the eldest. The others are: William, deceased, and John T., who succeeded his father to the undertaking business. He married Miss Lena Dunn, a daughter of O. F. Dunn, whose sketch also appears on these pages.

Two children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, both born in Georgetown. One is deceased and the other, Guy W., born in July, 1886, holds the responsible position of county inspector of weights and measures. He married Miss Laura M. Cutler, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Ellen Elizabeth.

In politics, Mr. Weaver has always been a staunch Democrat, and, in 1889, he was elected director of the Brown county infirmary, and, in 1892, was re-elected to the same office. In 1893 he became a candidate for the office of county clerk, was elected, and re-elected in 1896. He was president of the board of public affairs of Georgetown until, in January, 1912, when he declined to qualify, as he spends his winters in Florida at Daytona Beach for his health, believing he could not do justice to his constituents, being absent one-half the time.

Mr. Weaver has fraternal relations with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and in all these orders he is a valued member.



In religious matters, Mrs. Weaver was raised in the Baptist belief, while Mr. Weaver was raised in the Disciples church.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have a very pleasant and comfortable home on South Main street. Mr. Weaver has ever been public spirited, active and energetic, and deserves much credit for the success he has made of life.

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### CHARLES B. FEE.

Mr. Charles B. Fee, one of the prominent and representative men of Brown county, Ohio, is the present mayor of Georgetown, and was born in Scott township, Brown county, Ohio, August 15, 1853. His parents, Dr. Enos B. and Amanda (Blair) Fee, were early residents of Clermont county, Ohio, who removed to Brown county about 1847.

Dr. Enos B. Fee was born in Clermont county, Ohio, October 4, 1817, and passed to his eternal reward in October, 1884. He was a very busy and useful man and was highly respected by all with whom he was associated. The family was originally from Pennsylvania and came west in the pioneer days of Ohio. He practiced his profession first at New Hope and, in 1869, removed to Georgetown, where he continued in his chosen work until his decease. His wife, Amanda (Blair) Fee, was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1826, and passed from this life in 1893. She became the mother of seven children, all of whom were born in Brown county, and of that number three are still living. They are as follows:

Lillie, of Georgetown, has not married.

Charles B.

Dr. Robert Fee, of Georgetown, Ohio.

After completing the common schools of New Hope and Georgetown, Mr. Fee entered the Augusta, Ky., College and later attended the Cincinnati schools. He then taught school for one year in Brown county and Georgetown, following which he became a student of the Cincinnati Law School, graduating in 1873. He then began the practice of law and, in 1880, was elected mayor of Georgetown, in which capacity he served for a period of three years. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Fee turned his attention to agricultural pur-





suits for some years, returning to Georgetown, in 1911, when he was again elected mayor. Prior to his last election he was editor of the "Brown County News," during the years of 1888-1889, while practicing law occasionally.

In 1884, Mr. Fee was made captain of Company G, Thirtieth Ohio Nation Guard, and has carried the title since that time, being known throughout this section as Captain Fee.

In politics, Mr. Fee is a Democrat and has served his party in the capacity of town councilman, and his popularity is evidenced by his second election to the office of mayor of Georgetown.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Fee are with the Masons.

Mr. Fee is a lawyer of great ability and is a recognized factor in the progress of the county. He and his sister, both of whom are unmarried, have residence at the corner of Third and Green streets.

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#### O. F. DUNN.

Mr. O. F. Dunn, one of the prominent citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, after a long and eminently successful business career, is now enjoying the comforts of retired life, surrounded by all that makes advanced years often the most enjoyable ones of a lifetime. Mr. Dunn was born three miles southwest of Sardinia, Washington township, Brown county, Ohio, June 26, 1843. His parents were J. H. and Elizabeth (Day) Dunn.

J. H. Dunn was born near Youngstown, Ohio, February 2, 1808, and died May 1, 1899. He was a prosperous and extensive farmer and stock raiser in Brown county, owning at one time over three thousand acres of the most fertile soil in Brown county. His father served his country faithfully and well during the Nation's peril in the war of 1812, and his mother's father in the Revolutionary war.

Elizabeth (Day) Dunn was born on Bull's Skin creek, Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, March 1, 1812, and passed from this life, June 14, 1889. The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. O. F. Dunn, Robert Hamilton, was born in Ireland and crossed the Atlantic to America six months before the Revolutionary war broke out. He enlisted and served the country of his adoption during the entire war. He



was twice wounded, once with a musket ball and once with a sword. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth (Day) Dunn, Mr. Williams, was killed in Kentucky by the Indians and his family of five or six children were scattered among his friends. Mrs. Dunn's mother was brought up by a friend and never knew what became of her brothers and sisters, which was always a source of great grief to her.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunn eleven children were born, all born in the same house on a farm in Washington township, Brown county, Ohio. All of them lived to reach the age of fifty years:

Ira B., who died March 7, 1903.

Abigail, widow of David Calvin and later of Lewis Bingham, a resident of Mt. Orab.

Julia, the wife of Francis Marion Tracy, of Tracy Station, Brown county.

Elizabeth, wife of Martin Courts, died September 5, 1912.

Perry T. died September, 1911.

Orman Fletcher, the subject of this mention.

Margaret E., who is the wife of Henson L. Vance, a resident of Macon, Brown county, Ohio.

J. C., of Fayette county, Washington.

J. W., of Sardinia, Ohio.

Joseph E., of Georgetown, Ohio.

Caroline Fee, wife of James Cumberland, of Mt. Orab, Ohio.

Mrs. J. H. Dunn was a devout member of the Methodist church, and while her husband was not a member, he was a firm believer of the doctrine and a liberal contributor to that denomination.

Orman Fletcher Dunn obtained the education afforded by the school of Washington township and remained at the home farm, assisting in the duties that make up the life of the average agriculturist, and under his father's supervision grew to be a practical farmer and stock raiser.

On September 5, 1865, Mr. O. F. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Wardlow, who was born in Brown county, February 26, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Purdom) Wardlow, both of whom were natives of Brown county, and who have long since been deceased. They were the parents of seven children:

William, deceased.



Thomas L. Hamer, a member of the Seventh Ohio volunteer infantry for four years, deceased.

Benjamin, deceased.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn, deceased.

Mell, wife of Peter McKee, who lives at New Hope, Ohio.

James, who lives on the old home farm at New Hope, which he owns.

Nancy, wife of Jacob Heiler, who lives in Covington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardlow were prosperous farmers of Brown county for many years.

After his marriage Mr. Dunn managed his father's extensive agricultural interests for two years and then moved to another farm belonging to his father, above Georgetown, where he spent one year. He then purchased a fine farm of two hundred forty-three acres in New Hope and resided there from 1870 to 1887, when he returned to Georgetown, where he became engaged in the livery business. He erected the largest livery stable in southern Ohio, and conducted this business for fifteen years, and still owns a half interest. In this business he met with success, as he did also in his general farming.

The death of Mrs. Dunn occurred April 8, 1875, and left, beside her husband, four children to mourn their loss. Their names follow in order of birth:

Lenna, wife of John Crouch, of Georgetown.

Lillie F., wife of William R. Waters, who is in partnership with William Richards in the livery business and owns a handsome home adjoining Mr. Dunn's. Mr. and Mrs. Waters have one son, Howard Dunn, who was born in June, 1893, a graduate of the Georgetown High School, and is attending the State University, in his second year. Mrs. Waters is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which was organized in 1912.

Lora Etta is the wife of Jack Wilson and resides with her father. Mrs. Wilson attended the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati for some years and holds a certificate from that institution. She is a member of the Methodist church and is a great church worker.

James H., Jr., who died in 1875, is buried beside his mother.

Mr. Dunn married Mrs. Mary L. (Campbell) Vance in 1876, she being the widow of Mr. David Vance and a daughter of A. F. and Hannah (Mott) Campbell, her birth occurring in New Hope, Brown county, Ohio, August 2, 1843. Mr. Vance





was a native of Brown county and died in 1869, having been a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. Campbell was born in West Virginia, in 1808, and died in 1863, while his wife was born near New York City, in 1818, and died in 1888. The Campbells came to Brown county, about 1839, where he engaged in the blacksmith business. They had ten children, whose names are:

Sallie, widow of John Ira Dunn, living in Sardinia, Ohio.

Mrs. Mary L. Dunn, wife of our subject.

William, deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war from Ohio.

Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of O. B. Moore, of Sardinia, who was also a soldier.

John and A. F. are residents of Sardinia, Ohio.

Rebecca, widow of Rev. E. L. Sanders, of Sardinia.

Hannah N., wife of William Kincade, of Sardinia.

Victoria died when quite young.

M. E. resides at Sardinia.

Mr. O. F. Dunn entered the army of the Civil war, in September, 1862, in the six months' service, and remained in the service of the State Guard until the close of the war. He is one of nine of his company, called "The Squirrel Hunters," now living. His discharge papers were made out in March, 1863, but he continued in the service. He never drew a salary for his services and has never accepted a soldier's pension. Mr. Dunn is a genial man, bearing all the marks of a true gentleman. He is well preserved physically and runs his large touring car for the pleasure of his family and friends with all the ease and skill of a man many years his junior.

Both Mr. Dunn and his estimable wife are devout members of the Methodist church, to which they contribute liberally.

In politics, Mr. Dunn votes independently and has never cared for or sought office of any kind.

In fraternal circles he is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he has been past grand for the past forty years.

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### WILLIAM A. EYLAR.

Mr. William A. Eylar, editor and manager of the "News-Democrat," of Georgetown, Ohio, is widely known throughout this section of the State as an up-to-date and progressive



newspaper man of high standing. His entire active life thus far has been devoted to newspaper work, and the experience gained through the years has enabled him to establish one of the most modern and fully equipped newspaper plants in Southern Ohio. Since he assumed control, in 1906, the entire building has been remodeled and all new machinery installed. The perfect satisfaction given to the public by the "News-Democrat" is evidenced by the large circulation of the paper. Mr. Eylar is a son of Joseph W. and Mary Ellen (Oldson) Eylar, and his birth took place at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, his natal day being the 16th of October, 1874.

Mr. Joseph W. Eylar is a native of Brown county, Ohio, his birth having occurred at Ash Ridge, March 11, 1847. He was a prominent and well known newspaper man and established "The People's Defender," of West Union, Ohio. He conducted this paper for a number of years, and his careful and judicious management made it a successful newspaper. He was elected State representative from Adams county, Ohio, in 1875, for two terms of two years each. Mr. Eylar and his brother, Oliver, entered the Commissary Department at the respective ages of twelve and ten years, with their father, at the beginning of the Civil war, going through the entire war. In 1889 Mr. J. W. Eylar took charge of the "News-Democrat," of Georgetown, Ohio, and was thus occupied until his decease. August 17, 1906. His wife, Mary Ellen (Oldson) Eylar, was born at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, in 1850, and passed away March 24, 1903. She was the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Adams county.

Margaret, who resides in Columbus, Ohio, is a stenographer in the state department.

Josephus, who died at the age of two years.

William A.

James Norton, who died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Lottie, who married Griffith C. Hall, and resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William A. Eylar acquired a good education in the West Union school and later in the Georgetown school. After his graduation he entered the printing office of his father and thoroughly familiarized himself with all the details of the printing business. As the years passed he became proficient in all the departments until he was fully capable of assuming the business at the death of his father. He is a man of fine judgment and executive ability and has the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.





On the 31st of December, 1903, Mr. W. A. Eylar wedded Miss Marjorie Robinson Hench, a daughter of Rev. Thomas H. and Caroline (Cruser) Hench, the former of whom was born at Center, Pa., April 5, 1840, and now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Eylar. Rev. Hench is an able minister of the Presbyterian church, having had charge at Higginsport, Feesbury, Felicity and Cedron, Ohio. At one time he had charge of the Presbyterian church at Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Hench was born at Fairview, Ill., April 8, 1852, and died May 18, 1904. She was the mother of two children, George C., who was born in Walcott, Iowa, and Mrs. Eylar, who was born in Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eylar are the parents of three children:

Thomas Wilkins, born at Georgetown, Ohio, June 9, 1905, is attending school.

Mary Ellen, born at Georgetown, Ohio, January 15, 1909.

Carolena Louise, born at Georgetown, Ohio, December 25, 1912.

In politics, Mr. Eylar favors the men and measures of the Democratic party and has served his party as clerk of Georgetown. During his term of office the city of Georgetown put down concrete walks, established the electrical plant and erected the city building, at an outlay of probably one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Eylar affiliates with the Masonic lodge and with the Knights of Pythias.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eylar is at State and Green streets, where they have a very comfortable home.

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### RUFUS L. FITE.

Mr. Rufus L. Fite, a highly successful general practitioner of the Brown county bar, residing at Georgetown, Ohio, for the past forty-two years, is a native of that county, his birth having occurred in Scott township in 1848. His parents were Jefferson and Elizabeth (Pickering) Fite, both of whom were also natives of Brown county, Ohio.

Jefferson Fite was born in 1822 and passed from this life in 1882. He was of Pennsylvania German descent, and his grand-



father served as a soldier of his country in the war with England, in 1812. Elizabeth (Pickering) Fite was born in 1819 and passed away at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. Her forebears being of Revolutionary stock, thus making her descendants eligible to membership in the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Fite were the parents of seven children, the births of all occurring in Brown county, the eldest being the subject of this review. The others are: Albert G., a lawyer, of Georgetown, Ohio; Morris W., a farmer, of Brown county, Ohio; Victoria, who is the widow of the late Robert J. Brady, residing at Union City, Ind.; America, who married Thomas Patton, also of Brown county; Edgar M., who for a number of years previous to his death, which occurred in 1910, was a resident of Memphis, Tenn.; and Clement L., who died in 1903, having been a resident all his life of Brown county, Ohio.

The preliminary education of Rufus L. Fite was obtained in the district school, and when seventeen years of age, he entered the Augusta, Ky., College—the first college founded west of the Allegheny mountains, and on the site of the present high school of that town—where he attended for a period of three years. The following year he took up the study of law at Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated in 1870 from the institution then known as the "Ohio State and Union Law College," being admitted to the bar and locating at Georgetown in the same year. His success in his chosen profession is noteworthy, as evidenced by the extensive clientele established. Mr. Fite is also a director of the First National Bank of Georgetown, and of the Brown County Publishing Company, publisher of "The News-Democrat," and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens, being a recognized champion of progressiveness and everything that is for the best interests of the community.

In 1872, Mr. Fite was united in marriage to Miss Hattie L. Power, also a native of Brown county, who died in 1884, leaving one son, William E. Fite, who also passed away in 1888, at the age of fifteen years.

In 1887, Mr. Fite was married to Miss Addie B. Sells, who was born in 1853, in Brown county, Ohio, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Fenton) Sells, who died respectively, he in June, 1883, and she in 1887. They were the parents of seven daughters and two sons. One of the sons, David, was a sol-



dier of the Civil war, and a member of the Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and died a prisoner of war in Libby prison. The other son, Michael M., was also a soldier of the Civil war, and served as a lieutenant in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and departed this life in 1897, at his home in Washington, D. C. The sisters of Mrs. Fite are: Leonora, deceased, who was the wife of S. H. Cook, also deceased; Catherine, widow of John Rees, deceased; Mary, widow of Alfred Armstrong, deceased; Jennie T., widow of W. R. Evans, deceased; Ella, wife of F. W. Thompson; and Emma D., widow of O. N. Murphy, deceased, one time governor of Arizona. Mrs. Fite is a devoted member of the Methodist church, and is the mother of two sons, of whom the eldest died in infancy; the other, Arthur S. Fite, who was born in 1891, is a graduate of the Ohio State University, class of 1912, and is now attending the law department of that institution.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Fite favors the measures of the Democratic party, but he is not a politician in the sense of office seeker.

Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Georgetown Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, both lodges being situated in Georgetown, Ohio.

Mr. Fite and his family reside at their pretty home on the east side of the village, appreciated and esteemed by their host of friends.

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### FRANK WHITE.

The name of White has been familiar and closely identified in the growth and progress of Clermont county, Ohio, for over a century, almost from the beginning of the organization of the county, and in all the years that have gone, the name has represented a class of men who, by their earnest and honest industry, have achieved success in the battle of life.

The family are of Scotch-English descent and the first of the family to locate in Clermont county was David White, who came with a part of his family from New Jersey in 1804, settling in the heavily timbered part of the county, near Bantam, Ohio. The journey from New Jersey was traversed over mountains and bridgeless rivers, partly overland and partly by boat, finally reaching the site on which he estab-





lished a home for his wife and young family. A portion of the land obtained at this time, Mr. David White donated and upon this tract the first church building was erected. He married Miss Nancy Vaughn, and to their union were born five sons and two daughters: Forman, William, Charles, John, David, Antis, and Elizabeth. David White lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years, while his father died at the remarkable age of one hundred and seven years.

John White, a son of David, and the father of Frank White, the subject of this sketch, was born near Bethel church, October 27, 1807, died in November, 1903, in the ninety-seventh year of his life. He was a hatter by trade and was located at Batavia. He was the oldest man in years and in number of years in business in one place, in the county, at the time of his decease. He married Miss Clarissa Rogers, who was born in Clermont county, March 3, 1812, and died, September 12, 1886. Of this marriage, there were six children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:

Elizabeth, died in infancy.

Orlando, died at the age of one year.

Horace, died at the age of eight years.

Frank, our subject.

Clara, who is the widow of Jesse Stagg, resides with her brother, Frank. She is the mother of four children: Lottie, widow of Morris C. Moore, resides at St. Louis, Mo., and she has one daughter, whose name is Pauline; Jones P., married Miss Grace Maddox, and resides at Hartwell, a suburb of Cincinnati, being a prominent business man, having entire charge of the Philip Carey Roofing Manufacturing Company, and is a man of great business insight; Charles, married Minnie Willenberg, and they have one son, Roger; Frank, has been with the Philip Carey Roofing Manufacturing Company for some time, but was compelled to give up his work on account of poor health.

Anna, the widow of John W. Stiles, who was the clerk of the county court at the time of his decease. They had one son, John W., Jr., who is in business at Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Stiles married a second time, Mr. G. A. Frazier, and had one daughter, Alpha, the wife of Mr. Eli Speidel. Mrs. Frazier died July 25, 1911, in the Bethsaida Hospital.

Mrs. John White was a daughter of Dr. Levi Rogers, who was born at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1767, and died April 4, 1814. He was an able and proficient man, displaying unequalled ver-



satilily in life; being lawyer, physician, clergyman, soldier, and politician, always at the head of his profession. He was a graduate of Yale College, after which he attended the Jefferson Medical University, at that time the best in America, and equal to any in Europe, in rank and thoroughness. From this college he was graduated with high honors.

He came to Clermont county in 1804, settling at Williamsburg, where he remained until in 1810, when he removed to Bethel. His death occurred four years later, in 1814, in the prime of life and in his decease the spark of life departed from one of the most brilliant of the medical profession in Ohio.

Beside being a physician of great skill, culture and extensive practice, Dr. Rogers was a man of varied accomplishments and wonderful good common sense. He was admitted to the bar, acting for several terms of court as prosecuting attorney. He was also a minister of the gospel, expounding the word of the Lord with great eloquence. During his ministry, he solemnized the marriages of many hundreds of couples.

In 1811, he was elected State Senator and was the author of the first law regulating the practice of physicians and surgeons in Ohio, which has been a permanent monument to his ability and zeal as a physician. These acts of 1811 and 1813 were introduced by him. At the expiration of his senatorial term, Dr. Rogers was appointed surgeon in the army of 1812, in the Nineteenth regiment of Ohio infantry.

Dr. Levi Rogers married Miss Anna George, only daughter of John George, who lived in New Jersey, near Philadelphia. She died at Batavia, October 3, 1856, at the home of the venerable John White. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters: Dr. John G. Rogers, who attended as physician at the birth of General Grant, and whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Levi Rogers; Ann, died when quite young and was unmarried; Mary, married Forman White; Clarissa S., married John White; Sarah, married William Denham, and Cynthia, married William Page.

Mr. Frank White, the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead, in Clermont county, March 3, 1838, and is a son of John and Clarissa (Rogers) White. He was educated in the common schools of Batavia and after his graduation he worked on a farm for a time, after which he entered the store of Jesse L. Dustin, one of the greatest merchants ever in the county of Clermont. This proved of great benefit to Mr. White because of the immense amount of business





done by this store, and of the many branches of general mercantile business. He remained with Mr. Dustin until the War of the Rebellion broke out in 1861, when he enlisted in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, on September 10th, serving for three years in all the battles of the Cumberland, save that of Mission Ridge. He enlisted as a private and served as quartermaster sergeant for some time. In 1863 he was made first lieutenant on Stone River, serving again as quartermaster for a period. He was also aid and general inspector under General Beatty and under Gen. Thomas Wood in the Knoxville campaign. He was given a commission of captain, but was never mustered in. During the three and one-half years of service, Mr. White was never out of service for even one day and never had a hospital record, although he was wounded in the battle at Marietta, Ohio, on July 1, 1864. He was honorably discharged, at Louisville, Ky., in 1864, after which he returned to his home at Batavia.

In 1864, after his return from the war, Mr. White went into the general mercantile business at Williamsburg, under the firm name of Sinks and White, which continued for three years. He then spent one year in Kansas and Nebraska with a surveying party, returning to Batavia in the early part of 1869.

It had been the intention of Mr. White to form a partnership with Mr. Dustin, his former employer, in the general mercantile business upon his return from his surveying trip, but unfortunately Mr. Dustin died while he was away, and he was made administrator of the large estate of his old friend.

Soon after his return from Kansas and Nebraska, he entered into a partnership with Albert Heinrici, the firm being White & Heinrici, conducting the largest general merchandise business in the county. In 1895, the firm sold out their splendid and lucrative business because of the poor health of Mr. White, he being unable to carry the great responsibility of the extensive business of the firm. In 1897, he took the position as business manager of the "Clermont County Sun," which he held until 1902. He has been president of the Building & Loan Association since its organization in 1885, and was secretary of the old loan association at the time it closed its business. He is president of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine & Tool Company, of Batavia, and has been on the school board at different times for the past twenty-seven years, and is president of the same at present. He was appointed by Governor Harmon as trustee of the Soliders' and Sailors' Orphans' Home



of Xenia, Ohio, one of the largest institutions of the State, there being nine hundred inmates. It is an ideal place and is beautifully situated.

Mr. Frank White was married, June 20, 1873, to Miss Mary E. Griffith, who was born at Bethel, Ohio, in June of the year of 1849, a daughter of John S. and Ann Amelia (Eder) Griffith, the former being a prominent attorney of Batavia. Mrs. White died, September, 1885, and was buried at Batavia, Ohio, where her death occurred.

Mr. White was again married, in June, 1888, to Mrs. Henrietta McCaslin, who was born at Kingsville, Ohio, April 30, 1859, and died June 10, 1893. She was a daughter of Rev. John Graham, of the Erie conference, of which he was presiding elder, and Cornelia (Gaskill) Graham, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. To this union was born one son, Charles Graham, who was born April 11, 1889, at Batavia, and is a graduate of the Batavia High School and of the Ohio Wesleyan College. He is now attending the Cincinnati Law School. Mrs. (McCaslin) White was the mother of two children by her former marriage—Cornelia G. and John Paul. She was a member of the Methodist church, and was a great musician, affording her family many pleasurable evenings at their home, and also to her friends, being ever willing to entertain with the God-given talent.

Mr. White was nominee on the Democratic ticket for representative, in 1895, being defeated by but sixty-seven votes. He has settled up many estate and has held many offices of trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is a member of the Methodist church, in which he takes an active part in all of the affairs of the church. Mr. White is a man of strong character, and a great lover of the truth, being a man of the strongest convictions and who never swerves from the truest and best principles, thus building up a strong and substantial character, which is the admiration of his home, the church and society.

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#### GEORGE W. IRETON.

Mr. George W. Ireton is the owner and operator of one of the most productive farms in Jackson township, whose excellent location is one of its attractive features. He is one of the enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Clermont county, and is well known in this community. He displays splen-





did business ability and executive force in the management of his farming interests. A native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth occurred in Jackson township, on a farm adjoining his present home, December 24, 1854, his parents being Robert and Missouri (Johnson) Ireton.

Robert Ireton was a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, where for many years he was known as one of the substantial men of the county. He was practical and systematic and by diligence and strict attention to business accumulated a nice property. He was born on a farm in Williamsburg township in 1824. In response to his country's call for aid, Mr. Robert Ireton enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for four months. He had one brother, Erastus Ireton, and four nephews, Samuel, Aleck, Lorenzo and John, who were also soldiers in the Civil war, beside one son, James, who entered the army at the age of sixteen years, all enlisting from Ohio. It was in 1891 that death claimed Robert Ireton and Clermont county lost one of her most highly esteemed citizens.

Missouri (Johnson) Ireton was also a native of Clermont county, her birth occurring in 1832. She passed from this life in 1888. She was a member of one of the representative families of Clermont county, and was a lady of noble characteristics. She was laid to rest in Bloom Rose cemetery, Brown county, Ohio, where her husband is buried also. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, who were all born in the county, four of whom grew to maturity. They are as follows:

James, who was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at the age of sixteen years.

George W., the subject of this mention.

David, who makes his home with his brother, George.

William, a resident of Jackson township.

Mr. George W. Ireton attended school in the Harbough district and assisted his father with the farm duties, thus preparing himself for his future life occupation. He learned from his father the proper times for planting and harvesting and the many details of the work of an agriculturist who desires success in the tilling of the fields. Mr. Ireton remained at the home of his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-two years.

The marriage of Mr. George W. Ireton to Miss Jennie Price occurred in 1876. She was born near Miamiville in 1853, a





daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Snider) Price, the former of whom was born near Camp Dennison and was a carpenter of Brown county, and the latter was born near Camp Dennison also, and both are deceased. They became the parents of five children, three of whom still survive. They are:

Elizabeth, who became the wife of Moses Harbough, lives in Brown county.

Henry resides near Goshen, Ohio.

Etta, married Elliott Reddick, of near Marathon, Brown county.

Orlando, deceased.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ireton was born one son:

John R. Ireton was a young man of unusual ability, having graduated from the Williamsburg High School at the age of seventeen years, and entered Cincinnati Dental College only a short time before his death, which occurred January 26, 1905, at the home of Dr. Hines, Williamsburg, Ohio, never reaching home after having taken sick. This was a sad stroke upon the entire community, as "Johnnie" was loved by all.

Mrs. Ireton was called to her last rest, October 20, 1904, three months prior to the death of her son, and was buried in Bloom Rose cemetery.

Mr. Ireton chose for his second wife, Miss Maude E. Wise, the ceremony being celebrated on the 23d of June, 1906. She was born in Brown county, near Cedron, in 1877, and her parents were George F. and Mollie (Barber) Wise, the father being a native of Brown county, whose birth occurred near Cedron, in 1837, and whose death occurred in 1905. He was a farmer of Brown county, but made a specialty of no particular line of agriculture, carrying on general farm. He was a son of Henry Wise, who reared a family of eleven children: Samuel, William, Ellen, Martha, John, Andrew, Lydia, Jane, Amanda and George F., the father of Mrs. Ireton, are all deceased; Susan, deceased.

George F. Wise married Mary Jennings for his first wife and to this union were born two sons: Henry Edgar, who resides near Point Isabel, Ohio, and William E., who resides near Bethel, Ohio.

To his union with Mollie (Barber) Wise, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, four children were born: Frank W., whose record appears elsewhere in these volumes; Josie, deceased; Raymond S., of near Batavia, Ohio, and Maude E., who is Mrs. Ireton, of this review.



The grandfather of Mollie (Barber) Wise was a native of Ireland, and upon his arrival in America, settled in Boone county, Kentucky, where he raised a family of eight children: Robert, David, John, James, Mary Ann, and Martha, all deceased.

In the family of James Barber were eleven children: Zeno, Harvey, Franklin, Elizabeth, Eliza Jane and Martha, all deceased; Mary Ann, the mother of Mrs. Ireton; Logan, of Felicity, Ohio, is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from Ohio; Ella, deceased.

Mr. Ireton settled on his present farm when he was first married, eighty-seven acres of which he inherited from his father. Later, he added thirty-three acres in Brown county, making a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. As the years passed by, Mr. Ireton erected the home and new barns, and by constant attention to the farm interests, has made a home that is both pretty and comfortable.

Mr. Ireton was seriously injured in an explosion of an engine while shredding fodder at the home of Raymond Wise, on the Emily McKeever farm near Williamsburg, November 26, 1910. The engineer, Will Pride, was killed, and Mr. Ireton almost fatally injured, while the barn and entire contents was burned. From this Mr. Ireton has never entirely recovered.

To the second marriage of Mr Ireton have been born two children, both born in Jackson township: Stella Marie, who was born May 30, 1907, and Raymond Frank, born September 7, 1910.

In politics, Mr. Ireton has always voted the Republican ticket, but is not a politician in the light of an office seeker. He has served, however, on the school board, and in 1900 was census enumerator.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Ireton embrace the faith of the United Brethren church, and Mr. Ireton has filled the office of trustee and of steward. He is liberal in the support of his chosen church and in all charitable enterprises.

Mr. Ireton is a genial, pleasant gentleman, a great reader, keeping well informed on all subjects of the day. Mrs. Ireton is an affable, hospitable lady and the family stand high in the community in which they live, and the life record of Mr. Ireton is one of uprightness of character, and exemplary conduct. The Ireton family are descendants of relatives of Oliver Cromwell. We take pleasure in reproducing a poem written by





Mrs. Maude (Wise) Ireton for the campaign of 1908, which is said to have aided very materially to the success of the no license cause in Clermont county.

### WHY VOTE?

Composed by Mrs. Maude (Wise) Ireton, Williamsburg, Ohio.

Why 'gainst the liquor traffic vote  
When not one drop goes down your throat?  
Why worry over child or friend  
Whose future you can't comprehend?  
Stop and think a moment men!  
Listen! Consider! Think again!  
King Alcohol sits on his throne  
In every land where man is known;  
Placed there, not for the good he's wrought,  
Not for the battle he has fought,  
Not for the victories he has won,  
But for the evil he has done.  
With tears as jewels in his crown;  
With blood is stained his costly gown;  
His scepter proudly he displays  
Bought by the drunkards in their graves.  
His throne is built of dead men's bones;  
Each skull now represents the homes  
Of those he's crushed beneath his feet,  
Ah! What an army when they all meet!  
Will he boast then of deeds he's wrought,  
When Christ will say, "I know ye not"?  
There's fathers, sons and husbands dear,  
Once true and good, pure and sincere,  
In this vast army marching on  
Where millions of others have surely gone.  
Say brother, sisters shall we stand by  
Do not one thing but watch them die?  
Let's cast this foe from out our State;  
And save our boys, ere 'tis too late.  
Maybe your boy, no distant time  
Will sup his whiskey, beer and wine;  
Will tread the path of sin and woe,  
And to a drunkard's grave will go.  
When I look at my innocent babe, so fair,



With smiling lips and curly hair,  
And know there are many, as innocent as she  
The wife of a drunkard has been, and will be,  
I pray to my God to forbid that her life  
Should meet such a fate, as a sad drunkard's wife.  
Let's then as fathers, mothers, all,  
Release ourselves from liquor's thrall,  
And teach our children the disgrace,  
Of such an awful cursed place,  
As the saloon, which leads to hell,  
And paves the path, yes, paves it well  
With bleeding hearts and tears and moans,  
And robs our purse and robs our homes:  
Now there's one way, and only one,  
That this great work can e'er be done;  
That is to join our hearts and hands  
And vote this curse from out our lands.  
"We'll sink or swim! We'll live or die!"  
Hurrah! Old Clermont's going dry.

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#### GUSTAVUS A. FRAZIER.

Gustavus A. Frazier, whose life exemplified all the traits of the good and, therefore, truly great citizen, and whose activities made him one of the representative and honored men of the day in Clermont county, Ohio, was senior member of the law firm of Frazier & Hicks, of Batavia, conducting a general law practice. He was born in Cincinnati, April 2, 1839, a son of Flavius Josephus and Susanna (Plank) Frazier, both of whom were of old families in Clermont county. His death occurred at Batavia, Ohio, September 3, 1912.

Flavius Josephus Frazier was born in Clermont county, in 1817, and became a merchant at Point Isabel. In 1838 he married Miss Susanna Plank, a daughter of a pioneer who came to Clermont county from Illinois. She was one of eleven children and lived to the advanced age of nearly eighty-six years, passing from this life in 1908. She left three sisters, who died within a period of four months after her decease. She was widely known and respected, being an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Flavius Josephus was a soldier of the Mexican war and was a son of John Frazier,



who was a veteran of the War of 1812 and came to Clermont county before the war, from Maryland. He was of Scotch descent, belonging to the Scottish clan of Frazier. In religious views he held the Methodist belief and followed the occupation of farming. He died leaving three sons:

Flavius Josephus, the father of the subject of this review.  
Adolphus.

Alonzo, who served in the Mexican war.

The widow of John Frazier married a second time, a Mr. Brush, and one son of that union, Gen. J. L. Brush, was lieutenant-governor of Colorado.

Gustavus A. Frazier was the eldest of seven children, of whom three are still living:

Mrs. Kate Rice, who is the widow of George Rice, resides at Chilo, Ohio.

Mr. W. W. Waterfield is the widow of a prominent tobacco and general merchant of Clermont county.

Joseph, who is a Civil war veteran, and is now at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio.

Isaac and Sylvester Jefferson, deceased, also were soldiers in the Civil war.

Gustavus A. Frazier was reared from an infant in Clermont county, and after the usual preliminary education he read law under P. H. Hastings, of Felicity, Ohio, also attending Carter's Academy at Felicity. He taught school for eight years and was admitted to the bar on the same day as the late P. J. Nichols.

On January 1, 1880, Mr. Frazier moved from Felicity to Batavia, where he formed a partnership with ex-Senator W. F. Roudebush, which continued for eight years. In 1888 the present firm of Frazier & Hicks was formed.

Mr. Frazier was married first to Miss Georgia Ann Goodwin, at Felicity. She died in 1881, leaving one son, Charles E., whose birth occurred January 20, 1862... He resides at Cincinnati, where he is buyer in one of the departments of H. & S. Poogue Company. He married Miss Catherine McGuire, of Cincinnati. They are the parents of one daughter, Marian, eight years of age.

The second marriage of Mr. Frazier was to Anna R. Stiles, who was the widow of John W. Stiles, formerly clerk of the courts of Clermont county. She was a daughter of John W. White, a pioneer resident of the county. Mrs. Frazier died, July 5, 1911, at the age of sixty-eight years. Of her first mar-





riage Mrs. Frazier was the mother of one son, John W. Stiles, now of Cleveland, Ohio, who is manager of the Keasby & Mattison Company, extensive manufacturers. Of the second union Mrs. Frazier was the mother of one child, Alpha F., who is the wife of Attorney Eli H. Speidel, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Frazier voted the Republican ticket until the time of Tilden and was afterward a Democrat. He was a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge at Batavia, and was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he had been an active member for many years. His intellectual attainments, his broad and generous sympathies, and his liberality won the deepest feelings of regard from all who came within the circle of his influence. His thorough conception of duty to his constituents, his party and the public, with his generous readiness to fulfill, together with his upright and honorable bearing in all the situations a public man is forced to face, gives to Mr. Frazier a record that reflects lustre upon his party, home and name.

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#### DR. FRANK C. CURRY.

The medical profession calls for greater sacrifice of personal comfort, greater knowledge and skill and greater tenderness, combined with firmness, than any other. The physician is the confidential friend and adviser as well as the medical director to his patients, and has, therefore, a sacred calling.

One of the most successful men in the medical profession of Clermont county, Ohio, is Dr. Frank C. Curry, physician and surgeon, whose office is in the Citizens National Bank building at Milford, Ohio, and who has been a practicing physician in Milford for the past thirty years.

Dr. Curry was born on a farm near Batavia, Ohio, March 24, 1858, his parents being James P. and Augusta (Lanham) Curry. He received the educational advantages of the school at Olive Branch, following which he entered the high school at Felicity, when Judge Parrott was instructor. In the meantime Batavia had established a high school course and he became a pupil in the first year, with Austin Wood as superintendent. After spending two years in the Batavia High



School he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he took a scientific course, preparatory to the study of medicine. When he had finished at the university he entered the office of Dr. J. C. Kennedy, who had advised him to study medicine. He spent two years with Dr. Kennedy reading medicine with him and studying preparatory to entering the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1881.

Dr. Curry began his career at Milford in 1881 with sixty dollars as capital, which his father gave him, with the instructions to "make or break." During the first year Dr. Curry was successful to a marked degree, but, being young, spent his money as soon as it came in. At the end of the year he again called on his father for funds, but was refused.

On January 31, 1893, Dr. Curry was united in marriage to Miss Frances Stuntz, of Terrace Park, whose father was professor of chemistry in the Woodward High School, of Cincinnati, of which she is a graduate. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Curry was a teacher in the schools at Hartwell, Ohio.

In the family of Dr. F. C. Curry are four children:

Chauncey J., a graduate of the Milford High School, is at present a student at the University of Cincinnati, taking the co-operative course; Frances Dorothy, Frank Albert and Mary Eliza.

Mrs. Curry's parents were C. R. and Eliza (Houk) Stuntz, of Milford.

Dr. Curry is a Democrat in politics, but not a politician. In his busy life he has found time to serve on the board of education as treasurer, also serving for two years as committee on blind relief, under charge of the State Board of Charities. He has been appointed to the board of health, filling the appointment for several years.

Fraternally, Dr. Curry is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is past grand, past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias lodge. He holds membership in the Clermont County Medical Association, having been its president for the past four years. On several occasions Dr. Curry has prepared and read papers before the society, one of which had for its subject the important one of tuberculosis and was published in the "Cincinnati Lancet and Clinic." He is a member of the Miami Valley Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Curry are devoted members of the Methodist





church, as are all of the family. In his practice he has made a creditable name for himself, adhering closely to a high standard of professional ethics, and conducting his business along scientific lines, which has resulted in successful accomplishment.

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### JOHN L. FOMORIN, M. D.

Dr. John L. Fomorin is one of the best known physicians in Clermont county and belongs to one of the older families of the region. He was born near Owensville, Clermont county, November 28, 1855, son of Bertrand B. and Magdeline (Cline) Fomorin, natives of France, the father born in the city of Nantz. The father was born in 1800 and died in 1882, and the mother was born in 1816 and died February 3, 1900, and both are buried at Owensville. Magdeline Cline came to America, about 1830, and her parents located in Clermont county. Bertrand B. Fomorin served fourteen years in the French army and came to America about 1837. He learned the trade of locksmith in early youth, but later was employed as superintendent of a turnpike, spent one season as overseer of a plantation near New Orleans, and then entered the employ of the Perrin distillery in Clermont county. He began with a modest salary and an unimportant position, but worked his way up by industry and ambition, and in fourteen years held a post of considerable responsibility. He gave this work up, however, to engage in farming in Stonelick township, in which he was fairly successful. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of George Feller; Francis, of Owensville; Anthony, deceased; Elizabeth lives on the home farm; Annie and her husband, B. H. Maxwell, live in Jackson township; Dr. John L., Marathon, Jackson township; Frederick, on the home farm near Owensville; Ella, wife of B. C. Turner, of Perintown. Francis Fomorin took part in the one hundred days' service during the Civil war, taking part in several skirmishes. The parents were members of the Catholic church and were highly respected and useful members of their community. They reared their children to useful manhood and womanhood and made many friends.

Dr. Fomorin attended the local schools and later attended the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati. He began the prac-



tice of his profession in Marathon, in 1888, and since that time has built up a large practice. He stands high in medical circles and is a skilled surgeon as well. He is almost entirely self-educated, for he began life on his own account as a poor youth, taking every opportunity to make an honest livelihood and add to the money which was to take him through his college course. He is a man of liberal ideas, makes friends easily, and is able to hold the regard and affection of those with whom he is associated. He has a right to be proud of what he has achieved, and throughout his career has always kept sight of the excellent training he received in his childhood, living in a manner that is a credit to his family and parentage, as well as to his own good principles. There have been five physicians in his family, and his uncle, Dr. J. B. Cline, served as surgeon throughout the Civil war, from Ohio. Dr. Fomorin owns some fifty-two acres of land in Jackson township and a house in Marathon. The house contains a commodious and convenient office, with fixtures for a good drug department. Dr. Fomorin is a Democrat in politics and in all his life has been much interested in local affairs. He lives as befits a Christian gentleman and labors in the interests of his fellow men.

In 1889, Dr. Fomorin was united in marriage with Miss Lillie Blanche Hartman, born in Marathon, in 1871, daughter of W. H. and Albina (Roudebush) Hartman. Dr. Fomorin and wife have two children, both born in Marathon, Bertrand H., born in 1893, and a graduate of the Milford High School, and William F., born January 31, 1899, attends school at Marathon.

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### DANA A. SMALLEY.

Mr. Dana A. Smalley is well known in Clermont county, in connection, formerly with his activities along educational lines and latterly along the lines of agriculture and the insurance business. Since 1911, when Mr. Smalley erected a comfortable home on Cleveland avenue at Milford, Ohio, he has devoted his attention almost entirely to the insurance business, representing the Home Insurance Company of New York, the New York Underwriters and the Queen Insurance Company, with offices over the Citizens' Bank, and his evident success is the result of his untiring effort.

The birth of Dana A. Smalley occurred on a farm near Har-



veysburg, Clinton county, Ohio, a son of Samuel O. and Anna F. (Finch) Smalley, and is the oldest of a family of six children, the others being named as follows:

Sarah C., who married Thomas Morris, resides in Guthrie, Okla., and has one child.

James P. is a resident of McPherson, Kan., and has one son.

Thomas E., of Williams Corners, Stonelick township, has one son.

Judson S. is a resident of Wichita, Kan.

When Mr. Smalley of this mention was about fourteen years of age his parents moved to a farm near Blanchester, Clinton county, where they remained until he was about eighteen years old. They then became residents of Williams Corner, Stonelick township, Clermont county. Mr. Smalley acquired an education in the schools of Clinton county, which enabled him to secure a teacher's certificate, and he was in Wilmington, Ohio, for the purpose of being examined the day Fort Sumter was fired upon. He engaged in teaching for two years when, although not physically able for the hardships of military service, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He was not accepted for service, but remained with the company at Camp Dennison for three months, after which he returned to his profession of teaching and for a period of twenty-five years taught in the schools of Warren, Hamilton and Clermont counties.

On August 20, 1872, Dana A. Smalley was united in marriage to Miss Maggie D. Gatch, the ceremony being performed in Miami township, the place of her birth, her parents being Andrew and Lucy (Leming) Gatch, the former of whom was a son of Conduce Gatch, who was a son of the Rev. Philip Gatch, a mention of whom is made on another page of this work. Dana A. and Maggie D. (Gatch) Smalley and their descendants have verified genealogical records showing Mayflower descent from Miles Standish, John Alden, William Noline, Edward Dotin, Francis Cook—two lines—and Huguenot descent from his wife, Hester, the Wallron—and descent from Henry Walbridge, sergeant in the Revolution, thus showing eligibility to membership in the Colonial Dames, Huguenot Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Smalley:

Stella M., who was born in Pleasant Hill, Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio. After completing the country schools





she was graduated from the Milford High School. Her mother passed away when she was an infant and since she has been old enough she has been her father's housekeeper.

From 1868 to 1870 Mr. Smalley was employed as bookkeeper for a grocery firm at Cambridge City, after which he spent one spring in a commission house at Cincinnati, returning to Clermont county, where he taught school at Mt. Repose, Mulberry, Terrace Park and Milford. In 1888, Mr. Smalley gave up his profession to take up the occupation of farming, purchasing a portion of the old Gatch farm, where he continued until taking up his residence in Milford. Some time prior to his removal from the farm Mr. Smalley had given considerable attention to the business of insurance, which he has followed continuously since his coming to Milford.

Mr. Smalley gives his political support to the Republican party and served his party as township clerk for two years.

Although reared in the faith of the Baptist church, Mr. Smalley has embraced the faith of the Methodist church, and for several years filled the office of superintendent of the Sunday school at the old Gatch chapel.

During his stay at Cambridge City, Ind., Mr. Smalley joined the Knights of Pythias and has since been transferred to the Milford lodge, in which he has filled all the chairs, being at present the chancellor commander, representing his lodge at Canton, in the year 1912.

In all matters of citizenship Mr. Smalley is interested, and his co-operation has been given to many measures for the public good. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to a successful completion and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way.

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#### DR. HARRY FOREST ANSHUTZ.

Dr. H. F. Anshutz, deceased, was known throughout Clermont county as an able professional man of experience, ripened by years of practice in his profession, and the result of this experience was ample proof of the esteem and confidence in which he was held in the community. Dr. Anshutz was a resident of Loveland for twenty-seven years and was one of the leading dentists in the county. He was born at Montgomery, Ohio, August 25, 1855, and his demise occurred March



15, 1911. The parents of Dr. Anshutz were Dr. A. D. and Nancy E. (Applegate) Anshutz.

After receiving the preliminary education of the public schools Harry F. Anshutz attended the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, graduating February 28, 1882, and the following year located at Loveland, where he practiced dentistry until his decease.

The marriage of Dr. Anshutz to Miss Mary A. (Roberts) Hanna occurred December 22, 1897, in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio. Her birth took place at Clarksville, Tenn. She is a daughter of Adolph and Martha (Waller) Roberts. The former died when she was small and her mother moved to Cincinnati. Her studies were pursued in the schools of Cincinnati and at home with a private tutor. At the age of fifteen years she was married to Elliston Hanna, who was in business at Remington, where they resided until the death of Mr. Hanna, November 19, 1895.

In politics, Dr. Anshutz was an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and was serving as a member of the city council at the time of his death. He was fire chief of Loveland for six years. In fraternal circles he was widely known, having membership in the order of the Free and Accepted Masons, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In religious matters he evidenced his faith by membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he always took an active part. He possessed strong mentality, marked individuality and force of character, and became widely known. He was a gentleman of unquestioned honor and warm impulses, fearless in defending every cause he believed to be right.

Mrs. Anshutz owned considerable property left her by her first husband, and after her marriage to Dr. Anshutz they purchased property, which they remodeled, making the Broadway Hotel. The present residence of Mrs. Anshutz was purchased and improved by Dr. Anshutz for her, and she also has a beautiful home consisting of twenty-one acres on Loveland Heights. Mrs. Anshutz is known as the best business woman in Loveland and looks after her property and business herself. She has much ability and what she has accomplished in life by her moral and upright life cannot be measured in words.

Mrs. Anshutz has one of the finest collections of curios in





the State of Ohio, which was left to her by her husband, and it is always a pleasure for her to show them to those interested in these things. She is the author of two beautiful little poems to the memory of her late husband. We regret that we cannot reproduce them.

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### HENRY PARKER SMIZER.

The Smizer family has been prominent in Clermont county, Ohio, for three generations as progressive, proficient agriculturists, gaining an enviable reputation for reliability and industry by reason of their straightforward, practical business methods.

The family were originally from Germany, the first to leave their native land to seek their fortune in the "Great America" being two brothers and a sister, Mathias, George and Margaret Schmeisser, the German spelling of the name, which has been Americanized to the present form of Smizer. They emigrated to this country in 1738, settling at York, Pa.

Two sons of Mathias Schmeisser, Philip and George, removed to Kentucky in 1795, the latter locating in Harrison county, on the Licking river. He was three times married, the first being to Miss Katherine Lair, and the second time to her sister, Mary. The third marriage was to Miss Martha Lair, a cousin of the sisters. She was the mother of Samuel Smizer, who married Rebecca Frazier, November 8, 1827, in Kentucky, after which they removed to Whitley Creek, Moultrie county, Illinois.

Philip Smizer brought his family to Clermont county from Kentucky, in 1797, locating on a farm of two hundred and fifty acres adjoining the farm, which is now owned by Mr. Henry Parker Smizer, the subject of this review. Philip built a log house but later, about 1827, he erected a substantial brick dwelling. Henry Smizer has in his possession a receipt for the brick used in this house which quotes brick as being \$2 per thousand. This house is occupied by George Smizer.

David, a son of Philip and Mary Smizer, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, in 1795, and when two years of age was brought by his parents to Clermont county. He married Miss Ruth Brown and they had eight children born to their union, three of whom are still living, George, who lives on the old homestead, Louisa, who married Mr. W. B. Fitzwater



and lives near Windsor, and Henry Parker, who lives three miles east of Milford, Ohio. David was a farmer all of his life, and was first a Whig, afterwards a Republican. He was a devoted member of the Christian church, and also a deacon in the church at Newberry, helping to put up the church at that place. David lived to the good old age of seventy-seven years, leaving a memory that ever lives in the hearts and minds of his people.

Henry Parker Smizer was born in Maimi township, Clermont county, October 20, 1833, and received his education in a private school at Milford, Ohio, and on December 17, 1859, married Miss Lucy Howes, who was a native of Connecticut. She was a daughter of Solomon and Lucy (Day) Howes, who came to Ohio when Mrs. Smizer was six weeks old. They located in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and there she was reared and educated. She afterward became a teacher in the district in which our subject lived. To this union was born three children:

Alma, who married William P. Price and lives in Miami township. They have three children.

Edwin F., married Miss Flora Wright, of Middle Grove, where they now live. They have five children.

Abielen, was a graduate of the Milford High School in 1890, under Prof. Byron Williams. She died in 1893.

After his marriage, Mr. Smizer carried on general farming on the old homestead until in 1864, when he entered the army, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He was located at Paw Paw Station, near Harper's Ferry, and with about forty others started out on a scouting expedition to capture some Confederate soldiers. Upon their arrival they found to their consternation that what had been considered a small detachment was an army of three thousand. Mr. Smizer and twelve of his company were taken prisoners and sent to Andersonville prison, where he remained from July until in January, 1865, when he was sent to Annapolis and from there to his home.

Upon his return home from the war, Mr. Smizer again resumed his occupation as a farmer and bought from his father one hundred and eighty acres of land. Mrs. Smizer died in 1872, and on February 18, 1875, he was again married at Whitley Creek, Moultrie county, Illinois, to Miss Lucetta A. Smyser, who was a daughter of William and Ellen (Robinson) Smizer. She was reared and educated at Whitley Creek, and



is a granddaughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Frazier) Smyser, and a great-granddaughter of George and Martha (Lair) Smizer. There have been no children to bless this union. Mrs. Smizer has been a devoted mother to the children, the youngest of whom was but four years of age when she came into the family.

In 1904, Mr. Smizer moved his family to another farm which he had purchased. He has been an extensive fruit grower, having forty-five acres alone in peaches. In 1911, he erected a fine new brick dwelling, which is their present home.

While not an office seeker, Mr. Smizer was born and reared a Republican, and is well versed in all the political questions of the day. He is of the Universalist faith, although Mrs. Smizer is a member of the Christian church, in which she is an active worker.

Mr. Smizer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Goshen, and is also a member of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife have attended a number of the reunions of the post. One at Boston, in 1890, one at San Francisco, in 1886, and at Columbus in 1888.

Henry Parker Smizer is now retired from active life, and is spending the evening of his life in the enjoyment of the fruits of the endeavors of his early years. He has followed up the characteristics of his German blood by industrious labor and truth. He has ever been a good neighbor, a faithful friend and an honest citizen.

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### J. N. ROBBINS.

J. N. Robbins is one of the oldest business men of Goshen, his native place, and was born diagonally across the corner from his present home, on Main and Elizabeth streets, his business location being nearby. He belongs to one of the older families of Goshen, where his father was a prominent business man. He was born July 10, 1837, son of J. B. and Ruth (Wood) Robbins, the father a native of a village near Boston, Mass., born in 1808. At the age of eight years J. B. Robbins was taken by his father, who was a watch maker, the rest of the family accompanying them, down the Ohio river in a flat boat, to the vicinity of Crittenden, Ky. There the grandfather carried on his business and there J. B. Robbins grew





up, and worked for a time at cigar making. Later he went to Cincinnati and learned the business of chair painting, soon afterwards removing to Milford, Ohio, where his marriage occurred. A short time after his marriage he located in Goshen, and there took up the manufacture of handmade chairs. He was not a mechanic himself, so was obliged to hire all the work done except the painting, which he did himself, so he decided to follow another line and took up house painting. He became skilled in painting clock faces, and as his sons grew up to the right age, he taught them painting. There were then two shops in Goshen where wood turning was carried on and J. N. Robbins learned the trade, and this gave his father the idea of buying one of the shops and resuming the manufacture of chairs and some other furniture. The lathes were run by horse power and they had a great business. However, the manufacture of chairs by machinery at Williamsburg compelled them to give up this enterprise, so they took up the manufacture of revolving rakes and lard presses, which they continued to the time of the Civil war.

In October, 1861, Mr. Robbins enlisted as a member of the band of the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving honorably in this capacity for six months. Leaving Batavia, they went to the vicinity of Richmond, and went into camp at Maysville. He participated in a small engagement at Piketon, Ky., or Ivy Mountain, and after the government had ordered the discharge of the regiment bands, he was honorably discharged at Nashville, having served faithfully in all his duties. Later, he participated in the capture of Morgan.

While Mr. Robbins was at the front, his father had continued the manufacturing business, but after the return of the younger man, the firm dropped this enterprise and engaged in the sale of farm implements, and later purchased an undertaking business. They made their own coffins, and built up a good reputation for the quality of their work. During the life of the father they were partners, and after his death the son continued the business. When coffins began to be manufactured more by machinery, he discontinued making them and purchased his supply of the Cincinnati Coffin Company, then a small concern. Finding this company did an upright and honest business, he has continued to patronize them to the present time, and during this time they have progressed and developed greatly. Mr. Robbins stands well in business circles and is held in high esteem for the manner in which he



deals with his fellowmen, in business relations and otherwise. He is one of the best known men in the community and is popular with his many friends.

Mr. Robbins was married, in 1868, in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Miss Christina Day. Two children were born of this marriage, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Mrs. Nelly Robbins Williams, and her daughter, Christine, nine years of age, reside at the parental home. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, under Theodor Bohlmann and also a graduate in sculpture at Cincinnati Art Academy, under Louis T. Rebisso.

### GOSHEN SCULPTRESS IS HONORED IN GERMANY.

Miss Nelly Robbins, of Goshen, Ohio, daughter of J. N. Robbins, complimented by critics in Berlin, Germany. Her Bust of Prof. Bohlmann given unstinted praise.

The article printed below is taken from a recent issue of "The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune." While the paper claims Miss Robbins for Cincinnati, and we do not blame it, it is, nevertheless, a fact that she is a native of Clermont county, and was born and reared at the village of Goshen, where she still resides. She is a young lady of most engaging manners, high social standing, and a prime favorite with all who know her. Her charming ways and happy social qualities make her adored by her many friends. She is exceedingly popular among her acquaintance, both in Clermont county and in the Queen City, where she is well known. Too much cannot be said in her praise and Clermont county is proud to claim her among her many distinguished sons and daughters. On the other hand, Miss Robbins is proud of the fact that she is a native of Clermont county, and a resident of the charming village of Goshen. The "Commercial Tribune" compliments her artistic talent in the following clever manner:

"The work of Miss Nelly S. Robbins, a Cincinnati sculptress, artist, and musician, has attracted attention and received recognition at the hands of some of the most noted critics of Berlin, conspicuous among whom is Hugo Lederer, the famous sculptor of the Royal Art Academy."

The above item was taken from the "Clermont Sun," December 19, 19—.

Again, under date of December 5, 1900, the "Commercial Tribune" says:





"A few years ago, when Miss Robbins, who was not yet twenty years of age, was a pupil under Prof. Bohlmann at the Conservatory of Music, and at the same time attending the Cincinnati Art Academy, she created a life-size portrait bust of Prof. Bohlmann, to whom it was presented. The bust was placed on exhibition at the academy and won for Miss Robbins much praise.

"Recently Prof. Bohlmann visited Berlin and while there displayed the bust in the Royal Art Academy, where it was seen by Sculptor Lederer, who passed judgment upon it as being one of the finest pieces of work he had ever seen. Day after day, for some time, he spent hours studying it, and repeatedly praised the artist and the school in which she had received instruction.

"Recently Miss Robbins received a letter from the famous sculptor, telling her of the pleasure he had derived from her work, and declaring that it was by far the best specimen of its kind that had ever been sent from America and exhibited in Europe.

"Several other pieces of Miss Robbins's work have received honorable mention at the spring exhibits at the Cincinnati Art Academy, and one, a bust of Dr. Daniel S. Lyman, received special recognition. While at the academy, Miss Robbins was a pupil of the late Louis T. Rebisso."

We also have before us very complimentary notices of Miss Robbins's work from the "Cincinnati Post," "Times-Star," and the "Western Christian Advocate." Each of these mentions the enthusiastic praise bestowed upon her work, both by foreigners and home people.

Mr. Robbins is a Republican and cast his first vote for Mr. Lincoln, his father being a stanch Republican also. He steadfastly supported the Republican party until the Philippine Islands were annexed to the United States, and not liking the attitude of the government in this matter, he decided to transfer his allegiance, and since then has been an independent Republican. He has never been an office seeker, and has often refused to become a nominee when solicited to run for office. He has been occupied with his business affairs and is a man of retiring, modest nature, who fulfills the duties of good citizenship by giving his support to those whom he thinks will best represent the interests of the people. He is a charter member of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has served in every office except that of commander, which he has



refused to accept. He has attended several National reunions of the organization, including those at Boston, Washington, D. C., St. Louis and Cincinnati. Mr. Robbins is of a family that has lived in America for many generations and originally came from England.

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### DANIEL W. MURPHY.

There is, perhaps, no profession more high or holy than that of the law, for in no other is it given to man to see the human heart in all its emotions more completely. The office of a lawyer is one of trust and confidence, to vindicate rights and redress wrongs, hence one of importance. The Clermont county bar has always occupied an enviable niche in the legal jurisprudence of the State of Ohio, on account of the learning and ability of its members, as well as their personal and political standing.

Numbered among the foremost in the profession is the prosecuting attorney of Clermont county, Mr. Daniel W. Murphy, who is a native of Milford, where he has a comfortable home at the corner of Mill and Mound streets. His offices, however, are in the Blymyer Building, Nos. 35-39, Cincinnati, Ohio, and at Batavia, Ohio.

The birth of Daniel W. Murphy occurred April 20, 1866, at Milford, and his parents, William D. and Margaret (Brethney) Murphy, were natives of Ireland, the former having been born in County Abbeyfeale, and the latter in County Galway. They crossed the sea to the land of opportunity when they were young and drifted into Clermont county many years ago.

In response to the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war, William Murphy enlisted in Company D, Tenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served as a body guard for General Lytle at the battle of Chickamuga, where the general met his death. He was in the service for more than three years, during which time he was slightly wounded at several different times and was once taken prisoner. He remained in the service some months after the close of the war and upon his return, entered the mercantile business at Milford, which he conducted very successfully for some time. He was the father of four children, of whom our subject is the oldest. The others are:



Katherine, who became the wife of John Guilday, who resides at Xenia, Ohio.

Margaret J., married to John Walsh, of Camp Dennison.

John, whose home is at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Daniel W. Murphy enjoyed the educational privileges of the Milford school, from which he graduated in the class of 1884, later becoming a student of the Woodward High School of Cincinnati, graduating in the year of 1886. About this time Mr. Murphy's father urged him to study to fit himself for the profession of the law and to help the young man, often going with him to hear noted men in the profession. The ambitions thus started in the heart and mind of our subject was the foundation on which his later successful career was built. He entered the Cincinnati Law College, graduating in 1889, and since that time has had offices in Cincinnati. His practice has been in all the branches of the law, and his clientele is extensive both in Cincinnati and in Clermont county. Not only is he an able pleader, but he is an eloquent speaker before a jury. His success at the bar, his long experience in active practice and his undoubted judicial attainments fit him for the office he now fills.

Mr. Murphy was reared a Democrat and has been prominent in the public affairs of Clermont county for a number of years. He served his party as city councilman for two years, as city solicitor several times and continuously since 1902. He was elected to the Milford school board in 1904 for a term of five years, and from 1906 to 1908 he served as president of that body. In 1908 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Clermont county and was re-elected in 1910, serving four years. At various conventions, Mr. Murphy has acted as State delegate and has been chairman of the Democratic committee of the county. He has also served as treasurer of the county committee. In addition to all of these offices he has been active in the senatorial and congressional conventions, being a very popular speaker and worker in the political campaigns.

Although Mr. Murphy is largely self-made and deserves all the credit that the term implies, he gives great credit to his father for the encouragement to enter the profession in which he has been so efficient. He has offices with the law firm of Nichols & Nichols, at Batavia, and has been associated with them in many cases of importance, although he has never been a partner.





Mr. Murphy was married in 1894 to Miss Emma C. Ducklo, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have three children—Helen and Hilda, twins, aged sixteen, and George, aged eleven years.

Mr. Murphy is liberal in his views, broad in his sympathy, charitable to an extent that is self-injurious, and one of the greatest and most unrelenting fighters at the bar. His character is beyond reproach and his large practice is due largely to his ability and fearlessness after once undertaking a cause to push it to a successful termination.

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### DR. RICHARD C. BELT.

Dr. Richard C. Belt has attained more than local prominence as a representative of the medical profession in Clermont county, Ohio, and his activities have been of a most beneficial nature. He has utilized his opportunities, making steady progress along the lines that ultimately reach the objective point. The residence and office of Dr. Belt are at the corner of Water and Mill streets, Milford, Ohio.

The birth of Dr. Richard Belt occurred at the village of Goshen, Clermont county, December 13, 1849, his parents being Richard and Amanda (Haywood) Belt, the former of whom came to Cincinnati, in 1820, from Pennsylvania, with his parents, when he was a child. Richard Belt, Sr., became a boot and shoe merchant at Goshen and for several years continued in this business. In 1854 he removed with his family to a farm in Williamsburg township, where he carried on a general farming business until 1865, when he purchased a farm in Batavia township, to which he moved.

Dr. Richard C. Belt was reared on the home farm, and having acquired a high school education, at the age of twenty years he began the study of medicine with Dr. A. C. Moore, of Amelia, obtaining a good groundwork for a thorough medical education, which he completed by a course at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in the class of 1873. At once he began the practice of his profession at Olive Branch, where he remained but a few months, locating at Milford, in 1874.

The great event in the life of Dr. Belt took place when he became united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Strong West, on September 16, 1874, at Olive Branch, which was her birthplace.



her parents being S. R. S. and Harriet (Huber) West. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Harriet, who is a graduate of the Thane-Miller School at Cincinnati.

Dr. R. C. Belt is identified with the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, the Miami Valley Medical Association and is president of the Clermont County Medical Society. He is an enthusiast in his profession, which is generally recognized throughout the entire section of the country.

Dr. Belt is a Democrat, but has been too busy to accept an office. He is interested in educational matters and has been an active member of the board of education, also being a member of the city council.

In fraternal circles Dr. Belt became a member of the Batavia Lodge No. 109, Free and Accepted Masons. He demitted to Milford and has filled all the chairs in his local lodge, also representing it at the grand lodge. In addition, he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias at Milford. Both he and his estimable wife are untiring workers in the Episcopal church. He is a good citizen and takes an active interest in all affairs that tend to promote the welfare of his townspeople. He is a man of strong convictions, is capable and earnest, and none stand higher with his fellows in Clermont county and vicinity.

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### JOSEPH M. APPLEGATE.

Of the men who have passed from this life, whose record for good citizenship entitles them to honorable mention in these volumes, is numbered Mr. Joseph Moreland Applegate, who was born at Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, April 10, 1828, and died in 1902.

Mr. Applegate was reared on the farm of his father, receiving his education in the district school of the neighborhood. When he was about sixteen years of age he enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war, taking part in many battles, among them being the battle of Monterey.

After the close of the war Mr. Applegate took a trip through the Southwest, principally through Missouri, and finally reaching California became interested in mining. He spent about thirty-five years in California, although he was not successful as a miner. In 1882 he returned to his native place, intending





to spend a short time in visiting the scenes of his childhood, and to return to California to resume his activities in that locality. While on this visit Mr. Applegate met Miss Missouri Weaver, whom he married, August 13, 1884.

Mrs. Missouri (Weaver) Applegate was born in the home in which she now lives, and is a daughter of Simeon and Mary (Duckwall) Weaver, who were natives of Berkeley county, Virginia, coming to Clermont county with their parents when they were children. The families of Duckwall and Weaver settled on adjoining farms, and it was on the farm which Mrs. Applegate's grandfather, John Weaver, purchased at this time that is her present home. The first house was a cabin on the river bottom and a little later another house was erected. The present splendid brick house was put up just before the death of the grandmother. There were five hundred acres in the original farm, which was divided among a large family, the homestead coming into the possession of Mrs. Applegate. Mrs. Applegate was one of six children:

Lavina married W. R. Ely, a minister of the Methodist church. They were the parents of Edwin C. Ely, a prominent attorney of Batavia, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

John Lewis was a farmer and a great church worker, being well and favorably known throughout the county.

Sarah, deceased.

Mary S., deceased.

James W., deceased, leaving several children.

Simeon Weaver was a Democrat, as was his father.

He is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Batavia.

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### DR. NELSON EDGAR BRADLEY.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Nelson Bradley, deceased, was known in Clermont county, Ohio, for many years as an able and efficient physician and leaves a memory of kindly deeds in the hearts and minds of all with whom he was associated, both professionally and socially. His life was marked by an unflinching fidelity to duty and an earnest desire to help those who were in need, not only of his professional services, but of his sympathy.

He was born at Felicity, Ohio, March 11, 1858, and was a son of Dr. Harvey and Margaret (Quinn) Bradley, the former of



whom was born in Clermont county, on a farm near Felicity. He studied medicine at Felicity, after which he attended a medical college at Cincinnati. He was a practicing physician and surgeon. On July 12, 1859, he married Margaret Quinn, a daughter of Isaiah and Asenith (Wharton) Quinn, who were farmers living near Connersville, Ind., where she was born. When she was four years of age her parents moved to Felicity, and there she was reared and educated. Dr. Harvey Bradley was a surgeon in the Eighth-ninth Ohio volunteers and served for about two years, when his health failed. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and took the thirty-second degree in that fraternity. His death occurred March 14, 1883.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Bradley grew to manhood in Felicity, and after attending the public schools of that place, entered the normal school at Lebanon, from which he was graduated. He then taught the Penn school near Felicity and studied medicine with his father, later attending Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated, in 1882. After his graduation he practiced with his father until the latter's death, in 1883. Nelson succeeded to the practice of his father at Felicity, where he remained until 1898, when he moved to Batavia.

The marriage of Dr. Bradley to Miss Ella M. Duckwall, of Clermont county, occurred June 30, 1887. She is a daughter of Moses and Margaret (Earick) Duckwall, the former of whom was born on a farm in Batavia township, September 16, 1822. The house in which he was born is still occupied as a home. Margaret (Earick) Duckwall was born at Louisville, Ky., where she grew to womanhood. The Duckwalls were of German ancestry and came to Ohio from Virginia.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Bradley were born four children:

Harvey Duckwall was born at Felicity, Ohio, July 26, 1888. He received his early education at Greenfield, Ind., where his father spent some six years on account of his health. In 1907 Harvey attended the Ohio State University at Columbus.

Dawson Earick was born at Felicity, Ohio, May 2, 1892. He is a graduate of the Batavia High School, class of 1910, and because of the high honors he received he was given a scholarship in the Ohio Wesleyan University. In the fall of 1911 he entered the Young Men's Christian Association Law School, of Cincinnati.



Nelson Edgar was born at Felicity, Ohio, August 21, 1896. He is a junior in the Batavia High School.

Margaret was born on the farm near Batavia, March 16, 1898. She is a sophomore in the Batavia High School.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Bradley was a Republican and took an active interest in all public affairs, and while not an office seeker, served as a delegate to nearly all the State conventions. He served on the school board for many years and was appointed a member of the board of pension examiners. He was a member of the Felicity lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was worshipful master. He took the thirty-second degree in the Masonic lodge at Cincinnati. He took an active interest in church work, giving liberally of his time and money for the good of the cause, and at the time of his death was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

His death occurred at the home farm, near Batavia, on the Batavia & Cincinnati pike, October 22, 1911. He was buried at Felicity with Masonic honors, and Clermont county mourned the loss of another good citizen.

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### COL. LEWIS M. CLARK.

Col. Lewis M. Clark, a veteran of the Civil war and a well known representative of the industrial interests of Milford, which has been his home since 1894, is a wide-awake insurance man real estate dealer and justice of the peace, having filled the last named office for sixteen years. Although he has passed the seventy-fifth milestone of life's journey he is an active, alert and progressive citizen. The birth of Mr. Clark occurred in the village of Athens, Ohio, February 3, 1837, a son of Justin S. and Mary J. (Miller) Clark.

Justin S. Clark was a contractor and decorator, who became a resident of Walnut Hills about 1840 and was among the first to settle on the Lane Seminary property, where he made his home. Having spent some time in a private way reading medicine, Justin Clark decided to enter the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincinnati, and consequently turned his contracting business over to his son, Lewis, who soon sold it. After his graduation Dr. Clark had a large practice in cholera, which was prevalent at that time. About 1849 they removed to Lewis county, Kentucky, where he practiced to the end of his





active life. He also established a tannery, having purchased a large tract of land and having learned the trade from his father, in this territory.

Lewis M. Clark received a good common school education, and while in Lewis county married Miss Nancy Pierce, and to this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy and the other, Edwin K., married, and soon after died, leaving one child, Everett O. Clark, now of Cincinnati.

In 1861, Mr. Clark received word from General Thomas to raise a company, which he organized and was elected second lieutenant and served until in August, 1862. This was Company K, Sixteenth Kentucky volunteer infantry. He was again instructed to organize a company, which he did, and was commissioned captain of Company I, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, and saw service in protecting Cincinnati at the time of the Kirby-Smith raid. He was recommended to raise another independent battalion to protect Big Sandy, but was not allowed to be independent, and was commanded to complete a regiment, with himself as colonel, but he stepped aside and took the office of lieutenant-colonel, recommending for colonel Major James L. Foley, who declined. He also recommended and had appointed Maj. John Mason Brown, who was afterward appointed brigadier-general of the Second brigade, Burbridge's command. Mr. Clark had command as colonel and served in that capacity. He was wounded in the fight at Mt. Sterling, Ky., on June 9, 1864, with a gunshot in the left leg just above the knee, which slivered the bone; still he kept on, losing no time. He was captured, but made his escape after about two hours. At Snow's Pond he was hit by a ball at the top of the forehead which plowed its way across the scalp, knocking him from his horse. He was left on the field as dead, but when he came to his senses managed to get to camp. During his four years of active service he was never sick and never lost any time because of his wounds.

At the close of the war Mrs. Clark passed away, and on September 26, 1869, he was married to Mrs. Nora (Pierce) Lawrence, at Covington, Ky. She was born in southern Illinois, a daughter of Capt. Ephriam and Melvina (Loveridge) Pierce, who moved to Kentucky when she was a child. Capt. Ephriam Pierce was a captain of a steamboat for over forty years. When the war broke out he took a steamboat and went into the Southern cause. He served throughout the entire war and lost all that he had accumulated in the previous years.



Mrs. Pierce was of the Sherman family and her sympathies were with the North, consequently she gave that cause her services as a nurse in the hospital at Covington.

Since the war Mr. Clark has held various offices in the United States Government, serving in the capacity of railway mail clerk, revenue officer and deputy United States marshal for the Sixth district of Kentucky.

Mrs. Clark has one child by her former marriage, Lulu L., who married James Clare and is a resident of Covington, Ky., and is the mother of eight children.

Mr. Clark is in favor of the Republican principles and is a member of the fraternal order of Masons, having filled all the chairs, and has taken the Royal Arch degree. He also holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Legion, of Cincinnati, and has recently been made a life member without dues.

Mr. Clark is a man of pleasant and courteous disposition, his life record shows great integrity, activity and energy, the crowning points of his success, and his connection with the business affairs of Milford have been of advantage to the city, promoting its material welfare.

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#### EMLEY BARBER GATCH.

There is no name in Clermont county, Ohio, which stands for greater integrity and uprightness than does that of Emley Barger Gatch, who is a great-great-grandson of the Rev. Philip Gatch, who was one of the earliest settlers in the county. Whatever of virtue of character of Mr. Gatch, whatever of quality in his living, has been directly inherited from an ancestry rich in steadfastness and principle, which places him among the prominent men of the community. He conducts a general merchandise store in Milford, and is also the postmaster of that place. He was born on the "Old Gatch Farm" in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio, and is a son of Frank M. and Salina (Barber) Gatch.

Frank M. Gatch was a son of Gen. Thomas Gatch, who was born and reared on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which was a part of the original one thousand acres purchased by the Rev. Philip Gatch from the Government. When Frank grew to manhood he became the owner of the farm, on which





his birth occurred, and died in the same room in which he was born, being about sixty-one years of age at his death. He was buried in what was then known as "The Gatch Cemetery," but has since been bought by the township, and is now known as the Green Lawn cemetery. He was married before the Civil war and was in the one-hundred-day service. He was a Republican. He was the father of eight children, of whom Emley B. is the oldest. Two died in infancy.

Gen. Thomas Gatch, who was the father of Frank M. and the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and was the owner of seven hundred acres of land. The title of general was acquired by his rank in the militia of his day. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature and was a son of Rev. Philip Gatch.

Emley B. Gatch was reared on the home farm and remained with his father until he was grown, receiving a good common school education, which has enabled him to make a success of his life occupation.

On February 17, 1875, Mr. Gatch became united in marriage to Olive Marsh, who was a native of Clermont county, having been born at Owensville, a daughter of A. M. and Cena (Williams) Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatch are the parents of four children:

Cena B., a graduate of the Milford High School. She has taught in the kindergarten in Cincinnati. She is now a partner in her father's store and clerk in the postoffice during his term as postmaster.

Sallie, a graduate of the high school at Milford, is assistant postmaster.

Frank M. is a commercial salesman for the firm of Brumble & Brush Wire Goods Company, of Cincinnati.

Marguerite, also a graduate of the high school in Milford, and of Oxford College, is a teacher of College Hill.

Two brothers of Emley Gatch are still living:

M. W. Gatch, who lives in Baltimore, is superintendent of the Brumble & Brush Wire Goods Company, of Cincinnati.

Albert B. Gatch, who resides in Milford, Ohio, is a salesman for the Brumble & Brush Company.

Mr. Gatch cast his first Presidential ballot for U. S. Grant, in 1872, and in 1897 he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley. He has served in this capacity continuously since. He has also a large general merchandise business, in which he has been very successful.

He has followed the example of his ancestor, the Rev. Philip



Gatch, in his religious views, being a member of the Methodist church, as are also his family. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and has taken high degrees and has served as king of the chapter. His oldest daughter is a member of the Eastern Star.

By his earnest labor Mr. Gatch has built up a fine business and he and his family are people of genuine worth, who have many friends in the county. His life has been one of indefatigable diligence and at all times he stands for progress, improvement and reform, and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to a successful completion, deserving much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way.

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### WILLIAM E. MOTSINGER.

Mr. William E. Motsinger is one of the leading business men of Milford, Ohio, where he conducts an up-to-date livery and undertaking business on Water street.

Mr. Motsinger was born and reared on a farm near Miami-ville, Clermont county, his birth occurring on September 7, 1855. He is a son of Felix Jackson and Lydia (Young) Motsinger, the former of whom was a brick manufacturer, supplying the whole surrounding country with hand made brick, and conducted an extensive business in addition to his farming interests.

The boyhood days of William Motsinger were spent on the farm, receiving a good common school education while assisting his father in the brick yard. At the age of ten years, he began learning the brick manufacturer's trade, and at the age of nineteen was an experienced molder. However, he became tired of this business and decided to learn the trade of blacksmith, entering the shop of Mr. E. H. Hill, a blacksmith of splendid reputation. He worked the first year for forty dollars and board, the second year for sixty dollars and board and the third year for one hundred dollars and board. He spent one more year in the shop of Mr. Hill, following which he established a business of his own at Owensville, Ohio, and for nine years met with the best of success:

The marriage of Mr. Motsinger to Miss Rebecca Hill was celebrated on May 3, 1879, at Belfast, Clermont county, Ohio. Miss Hill was born at Stone Lick, near Craver's postoffice, on



a farm, where she received her education. She is a daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Hand) Hill.

In 1888, Mr. Motsinger sold out his blacksmith business to purchase an interest in his present business with J. A. Jones as partner. This partnership continued for a period when John W. Hill purchased Mr. Jones's interest and later he sold out to E. H. Hill. Mr. E. H. Hill finally sold out to George Eveland, who is the present partner of Mr. Motsinger. Under this management a new barn was erected in 1891, which is 36x84, and is three stories, the horses being kept on the basement floor, the second floor is devoted to room for the carriages, and the third floor is arranged for residence rooms. The business is prospering and the company is making rapid strides to the front in this line of business.

Mr. Motsinger was educated to the views of the Democratic party, casting his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden, but in later years he votes for the best man in his estimation. He has held the office of trustee of Stonelick township and was appointed to the board of public affairs in Milford, and has served continuously since. He has also served as a member of the council in Milford and has been a delegate to various conventions. Since the organization of the Citizens' National Bank Mr. Motsinger has served as one of the directors.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Motsinger is a Mason, having been made a member of "Old Hammer" Lodge, No. 128, at Owensville, his membership being at present at Milford. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, and has held the office of master at arms in his home lodge.

The religious support of Mr. and Mrs. Motsinger is given to the Methodist church, of which organization they are both members, Mr. Motsinger having been a member of the choir for more than twenty years. When in Owensville Mr. Motsinger was chorister for several years, and wherever he finds himself he becomes at once active in all affairs that tend to help in the welfare of those around him.

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#### D. F. LADY.

In chronicling the lives of those who possess undisputed ascendancy in the community of Clermont county it is very essential that we compile a sketch of the unclosed career of





Hon. D. F. Lady, at present mayor of Bethel, Ohio.

To begin with Mr. Lady is the possessor of no meager ability which is enshrouded in a character replete with the highest sense of integrity so essentially necessary to attain the finest reverence and entire confidence of the people. Through these commanding traits, his excellent judgment and the immediate reliability with which he is accepted among the commonalty enabled him to secure a substantial majority in his candidacy for mayor of Bethel soon after taking up a residence in that city.

Mr. Lady was born in Noble county, Ohio, February 15, 1849, and is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Forinash) Lady. Thomas Lady, the father of our subject, was also born in Noble county. He early engaged in the noble work of tilling the soil and at the call to arms he readily left the plow to share the hardships and dangers of the Civil war. It was there while fighting in the front ranks at Corinth, Miss., that he gave his life and thereby his last full measure of devotion for the preservation of the Union. Our subject's mother was born in West Virginia, on the shores of the beautiful Buchanan river. She has also departed this life. To this union were born eight children, of which Mr. D. F. Lady is the only one surviving.

Mr. Lady acquired his early education in the common schools of Vinton county, Ohio. Here he worked as a carpenter, which trade he soon learned. After eight years of close attention to this line his earnest endeavor earned him possession of a saw mill, which he successfully operated for six years.

At the end of this period he moved to Fayette county, where he farmed for twenty-three years, then moving to Clermont county, where he practiced the same science for six years. Mr. Lady's prompt realization of the advantage of the improved methods in farming enable him to secure the best results from his land.

Mr. Lady always took a great interest and active part in the social and political affairs of the commonwealth within which he lived. At an early age he was elected on the Republican ticket as justice of the peace. In this capacity he served for thirty years first in Fayette county and on moving to Clermont county received the same honor, which he has so ably and impartially filled. On the first of November, 1909, he moved to Bethel. The citizens of the town soon



elected him their mayor. He is the present incumbent of that office. Mr. Lady is a bookkeeper, having charge of the book-keeping system of the telephone company, and also tends to his pretty home on Charity Place.

Our subject was not loathe to risk the loss of arm, limb, physical inability or even life itself when his country was in danger, as demonstrated when he enlisted for the Union, shouldering the musket in the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, in which regiment he remained until the close of the war.

Mr. Lady has associated himself with Masonic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows orders, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic.

On December 11, 1869, Mr. Lady married Miss Sarah A. Cropp, who was born in Uniontown, Pa., in 1851, daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Yates) Cropp. Her mother and father died when she was young. A brother, Frank Cropp, at present lives in Jackson county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lady have eight children, all being born in Ohio. Six are married. Their names follow:

William Franklin, aged forty years, married Miss Luly Erskine, now living in Victor, Colo. This couple have one boy, Harold.

Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. W. L. Patton, living near Jefferson, Fayette county, Ohio. They have three sons, Frank, Dale and David, and one daughter, Miss Florence, who is a teacher in the Bethel High School. Miss Lady secured her education at Oxford and Ada College, Ohio.

Myrtle, wife of A. J. Willis, at present living in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have three children, Arthur, William and Naomi.

George W. Lady is in the government weather service at Montgomery, Ala. George W. married Ethel Gottherman, and to this union has been born two children, Harold and Grace.

Daisy is a graduate of the Bethel schools, and is now a valued teacher in the primary department of that school.

Stella and Ella are twin sisters, the former being the wife of Mack Fisher, living in Clermont county, and has two children, David William and Roland; Ella is the wife of John King, of Bethel, Mr. King being a teacher in the schools of that town.

Our subject had two uncles and six cousins who fought in the Civil war, all of whom enlisted from Vinton county, Ohio.





One uncle and three cousins gave their lives in the struggle for emancipation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lady, as well as all their family, are affiliated with the Methodist church, and the influence of the family is no small factor in the successful work carried on by that body.

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### B. T. DAVIS.

The right man in the right place is Mr. B. T. Davis, the popular superintendent of the Bethel schools, which position he has held for the past six years so acceptably that he was recently re-elected for three coming years.

Mr. Davis is a son of William and Barbara (Shinkle) Davis, and was born on a farm near Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, October 8, 1863. His father was a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in 1820, and who passed away in 1882. He was a farmer and stock raiser. His wife, Barbara (Shinkle) Davis, was born near Felicity, Ohio, and died in 1869. There were six sons and six daughters born to this union:

P. C., of Felicity, Ohio.

John, a citizen of Kansas.

W. H., a resident of Bethel, Ohio.

B. T., is the subject of our sketch.

Sarah J., the widow of William Rogers, of Moscow, Clermont county.

Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Johnson, living near Point Isabelle.

Melvina, is Mrs. Willis Cosins, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Laura, married Alva Sapp, residing in Hamilton, Ohio.

The education of Mr. Davis was received in the schools of Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated with high honors. After his graduation he assisted his father on the home farm until he reached his majority. He then entered upon his career as a teacher, first in the country schools, later teaching in the high school of Bethel, Ohio. He has been school examiner for thirteen years.

Mr. B. T. Davis was united in marriage to Miss May Day, February 17, 1889. She is a daughter of George W. and Matilda (Coffman) Day, and was born in Brown county, Ohio, December 30, 1865. Her father was also a native of Brown



county, July 28, 1825, and died January 2, 1901. Her mother was a native of Clermont county, having been born November 20, 1829, and passed away July 7, 1893. Both of her parents are buried in the Felicity cemetery. Mrs. Davis is one of four children:

Belle, is Mrs. Albert B. Armacost, of Terre Haute, Ind.

Lucy, married J. M. Gregor, of Felicity, Ohio.

May, is Mrs. B. T. Davis.

A. E., of Bethel, Ohio.

Mr. Davis gives his suport to the Democratic party, and is well posted in all the political questions of the day, though not an office seeker. Of fraternal organizations, he has membership with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Eastern Star, and the Rebekahs. Both he and Mrs. Davis are devoted members of the Christian church. The home of this estimable couple is one of refinement and culture, and both have many pleasant social connections in the community in which they reside.

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#### L. D. KENNEDY.

Mr. L. D. Kennedy, who has for many years been prominently identified with the business activities of Bethel, Ohio, is one of its most highly esteemd citizens. He is a son of Aaron and Mary Ann (Hals) Kennedy and was born in Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, May 16, 1838. Aaron Kennedy was born in Maryland and came to Clermont county when a young boy. Mary Ann (Hals) Kennedy was born in England and came to America at the age of twelve years. Both have left this life and their remains repose in the Bethel cemetery.

Mr. L. D. Kennedy is the fourth of ten children, five of whom are still living:

Lucitta, who married Joseph Turner, resides in Illinois.

Asbury is a resident of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Alpines and Hals live in the State of Washington.

The subject of our sketch, Mr. L. D. Kennedy, was educated in the schools of Clermont county and of Bethel, making his home with his father on the farm until he was of age, thus forming in his early years habits of industry and integrity.

On February 9, 1862, occurred the great event of his life, when he was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Olive Osborn, daughter of David and Minerva (Hill) Osborn. David Os-



born was a cabinetmaker and later was for years an undertaker at the Bethel home. The marriage vows were taken in the beautiful home in which the bride was born and reared to young womanhood, and where many happy, joyous days have since been spent, it being their present home. Mrs. Kennedy's father was a native of Clermont county and her mother was born in Kentucky. They are both laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery. Mrs. Kennedy is the only living one of three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the proud parents of nine children and the family circle is still unbroken by the hand of death:

Araminta is the wife of John Clare, of Cincinnati. They have five children.

Glow married Walter Lee, residing at Fargo, N. D., and they have one daughter, Helen.

Howard, of Cincinnati, a steam fitter.

Blanche married Lou Runk and is the mother of three children, Margie, Araminta and Lucile.

Phoebe Ann, wife of Howard Scott, of Cincinnati, and they have one son, Thomas; and Gladys.

A. Osborn, a resident of Bethel, Ohio, married Clara Johnson and is the father of four children, Earl, Roy, Herbert and Thelma.

Minerva is Mrs. John Frazier, of Rushville, Ind., and they have four children: Byron, married and has one daughter, Mary Frances; Harley; Effie, and Charles.

Miss Effie is living at home with her parents.

Emma is the widow of Wilson Smith and lives at home with her parents.

Charles, who is a shoemaker, of Bethel, Ohio, married Ollie Bier, has two children, Dewrel and Daryl.

La Clede is in business with his father, living next door to him. He married Bertha Reed.

Clarence E. assists his father.

David Osborn is at home.

Two years after his marriage Mr. Kennedy embarked in the business of undertaker and funeral director with his father-in-law, the firm being Osborn & Kennedy. The progressive ideas and business ability have been thoroughly demonstrated in the years of service in this capacity. Those in trouble and distress have always found in Mr. Kennedy a kind and sympathetic friend, faithful and reliable in all things.





Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy experience a pleasure that is enjoyed by comparatively few, when, on February 9, 1912, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their beautiful home was decorated in white and gold, the favors being tiny golden bells. Three of the relatives who attended the ceremony fifty years ago were in attendance and the occasion was made joyous and gay by the presence of all of their own children and fifteen grandchildren. A sumptuous dinner was served to the children and grandchildren, following which a reception was given to about seventy-five friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been privileged to attend seven other golden weddings of relatives and friends. They are justly proud of the fine family they were permitted to rear to maturity. Mrs. Kennedy is a lady of great ability as a wife, mother and member of society. Mr. Kennedy is a man of integrity and industry, broad-minded and liberal. This is the oldest established undertaking business in Clermont county, having been started by David Osborn some seventy-five years ago. Mr. Kennedy has conducted the business for forty-six years, since November, 1866.

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#### DR. WILLIAM S. ELLSBERRY.

Dr. William S. Ellsberry occupies an enviable position as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Clermont county, Ohio, residing at Bethel, where he was born, January 27, 1852, and where he commenced his professional life. His father, Dr. William Ellsberry, was one of the first physicians in Clermont county, coming here from New Jersey soon after its organization. His birth occurred in 1810 and his death took place in 1904. He was a Democrat and took great interest in politics, but would not accept office. He married Margaret Gatch Dimmitt, who was a native of Clermont county, Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. Moses Dimmitt.

Dr. William S. Ellsberry acquired his education in the schools of Bethel, then attended the Medical College of Ohio, graduating in 1873, following which he attended the Rush Medical College of Chicago. He began practicing at his home town and was associated with his father until the latter retired from active life, after which all the practice fell to our subject.

Dr. Ellsberry is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and



is a Democrat in politics. His home is the old Ellsberry homestead, which he has improved and remodeled, a beautiful residence. He enjoys his profession, which takes him over portions of Clermont, Brown and Hamilton counties, in the vicinity of his home. He is well and most favorably known, both professionally and socially, being of a genial, jovial temperament, although modest and retiring. He is a great reader and spends many happy hours in his library. He has two sisters living, Anna M., who is at home, and Grace, who is Mrs. William Ellsberry, of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Ellsberry is health officer of Tate township, and is examining surgeon for eight insurance companies.

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### WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

William Johnston, of the general store of Bethel, Ohio, was born at Nicholasville, Clermont county, October 5, 1854, and is a son of Alexander and Anna (Johnston) Johnston, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and who came to America at an early day. They settled in Ohio and are both deceased. The father died in 1882, and the mother in 1877. They are buried in Monroe township cemetery. Of their union were four children:

James and Archie live near Nicholasville, Ohio.

William, our subject.

Martha, who was the wife of Albert Patterson, of Cincinnati, passed away February 22, 1903.

William Johnston was educated in the school at Nicholasville, helping his father on the farm until his marriage to Miss Lizzie Calhoun, April 24, 1884. She was born near New Richmond, Ohio, February 28, 1859, a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Stroup) Calhoun, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, coming to Clermont county many years ago, where he followed the occupation of blacksmith. They were the parents of two children:

Lizzie Belle, is Mrs. Johnston.

Charles A., who is a partner of Mr. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun embraced the Methodist belief, and both are deceased, the former being a soldier in the Civil war, as were two of Mrs. Calhoun's brothers. Both of the last named died in prison.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active part in all church affairs. She is a member and Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. He is a Republican and is well informed upon all the subjects of the day. They have bought and remodeled a pretty home, where their friends are always welcome. They are quiet retiring people and are considered among the substantial citizens of the county, being upright and honest, in fact a representative family. They are doing a thriving business in their general merchandise store, supplying all parts of the township with anything that is required in the average household.

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### W. H. BANISTER.

One of the most prominent and enterprising business men of Bethel, Ohio, who conducts an up-to-date grocery store on Plane street, is numbered W. H. Banister, who is a native of the county. He was born at New Richmond, Ohio, July 19, 1854, and is the son of B. L. and Mary (Herbert) Banister, the former of whom was born in New York State, coming to Clermont county with his parents when a small child. He was a cooper by trade, residing in New Richmond. The latter was a native of New Richmond and both are deceased, leaving two children, our subject and Fred C., of New Richmond.

Mr. Banister pursued his education in the public schools of New Richmond, after which he entered upon his business career as clerk in a general store of his home town. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Swing, April 25, 1880, uniting himself with one of the most prominent Clermont county families. Mrs. Banister was born near Bethel in 1856, a daughter of Merritt J. and Maria (Cruthers) Swing, the former being a native of the county, his birth having occurred on the old farm known as the "Swing Settlement," near Bethel. He was a merchant of Bethel for forty-five years, and passed away in 1910, his wife having been deceased since Mrs. Banister was a small child. There were five children:

Elizabeth, married Oscar Sims, of Bethel, Ohio.

N. G., of Columbus, Ohio.

Emma, is Mrs. Banister.

Ella, is the wife of William Scott, of Denver, Colo.

Marie, is Mrs. Wellington Hibbard, of Denver, Colo.



The Grandfather Swing came to Clermont county at an early day, making the journey in wagons from New Jersey. He purchased one thousand acres of land in the county upon his arrival, which he divided among his children.

Mr. Banister continued his business life after his marriage as a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Cincinnati. He pursued this occupation until in 1891, when he took the office of county clerk, having been elected in 1890. Because of the excellent satisfaction he gave during his first term, he was re-elected in 1893. He resided in Batavia during the six years of office and upon retiring opened his present business.

In political views, Mr. Banister is strictly Democratic; in religion, he favors the Methodist belief, he and Mrs. Banister being members of the church at Bethel. He is respected by all in the community in which he makes his home.

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### GEORGE TIBBITTS BROWN.

No family in Clermont county, Ohio, has in a greater degree contributed to the settlement, development and progress of the county in all of its relations than that of Brown, which is one of the oldest and best known in this locality and is especially noted for the high personal standing and business integrity that characterize its members.

George Tibbitts Brown is a worthy son of Clermont county, being a typical and representative citizen, possessing the enterprise which has made him a dominant factor in the agricultural circles of the county. He is a native of New Richmond, Ohio, his birth having occurred there, April 5, 1857. He is a son of Enoch George and Susan (Fisher) Brown, who were married in the year of 1845 in Clermont county, where they were both born and reared.

Enoch George Brown was born in Monroe township, near Laurel, May 16, 1817, and died December 17, 1891, having spent all but two years of his life in the county of his nativity. He was a merchant the greater part of his life and his efforts were crowned with a large degree of success. He was a Republican, but not an office seeker. Susan (Fisher) Brown was born in Monroe township, November 3, 1822, and died May 31, 1886. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living:



Charles Carroll, whose death occurred in June, 1911, at Spokane, Wash. He enjoyed the educational privileges of Parker's Academy, from which he graduated in 1868. Prior to this he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, January 31, 1865. From his graduation in 1868 until 1874, he taught school, after which he was mail clerk between Cincinnati and Portsmouth, serving on the famous steamer "Bonanza." In 1885, Charles was transferred to the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia Railway Company, serving for two years as mail clerk. He then assumed charge of the steam laundry at Portsmouth, which position he held until in 1901, when he was forced by poor health to give up his work, and to seek health in the Western climate. His friends said of him that there was never a more even tempered, considerate man than "Charlie" Brown. He faced every turn in life with a smile and always encouraged and cheered others to renewed effort when the way seemed dark. He loved and was loved by his family with an affection that knew no limit.

William B., residing at Eureka Springs, Ark.

David F., a resident of East Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Ella, who married Dr. K. B. Sayers, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati; died in the fall of 1911.

George T., of this mention.

Anna, of Hyde Park.

Jerome Augustus, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

The maternal grandfather of George T. Brown, the Hon. David Fisher, was one of the first settlers in Ohio, locating in Clermont county in 1798. From 1847-49 he was representative from the Second district of Ohio to Congress, during which time he was intimately associated with Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Brown acquired an education in Parker's Academy, as did most of his brothers and sisters. After his graduation he spent five years in Leadville, Colo., where he was a clerk in the postoffice at that place. Returning to Clermont county, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruie Ely, June 2, 1885. She was the only daughter of John Francis Marion and Elizabeth (Justice) Ely, and was born at Bantam, Clermont county, November 18, 1859, at the site of her present home. Her father, John Francis Marion Ely was a merchant at New Richmond and was born at Bantam, November 28, 1834. He passed away May 18, 1907. Her parents were married October 27, 1858.



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Mrs. Brown's grandmother, Mrs. Ruhama Justice, who was born at Little Egg Harbor, N. J., in 1808, came to Ohio in 1816 with her parents, Rev. James and Elizabeth Blackman, who were of English extraction. Mrs. Justice was a lady of rare intellectuality and was conspicuous in the society of the time of the Grants, General Hamer, Thomas Morris. She was a niece of the distinguished Methodist circuit rider, Rev. John Collins, who founded the Jersey settlement in Clermont county in 1803. Her husband's father, John Justice, and General Grant's grandfather, John Simpson, served two years together in the same regiment in the War of the Revolution. The Justice family were among the first to purchase large tracts of land in Clermont county, part of which is still in the possession of the heirs.

Mrs. Brown's aunt, Miss Amanda Justice, a lady whom to know was a pleasure, was noted for her kindness and good deeds, contracting her death sickness by ministering to the sick with cholera in the epidemic in the early 50's, she being sick but a few hours. She was a young woman about to become a bride and was buried in her bridal robes.

Mrs. Brown has in her possession an original letter from William Penn to the Marquis of Halifax, written May 21, 1683, taken from the Crystal Palace, in the first exposition held in New York City. She also has a silver knee-buckle which was worn by her great-grandfather, one of the gallant Revolutionists. She inherited much of her mother's and grandmother's parlor furniture and quaint old china. The fanciful mantel in the pleasant living room of the present home is hand carved and was removed from the old house which belonged to her grandfather, to the new modern home. The mantel was made over one hundred years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had five children in their family circle:

Savyl Justice, whose birth occurred October 23, 1886, married Miss Hattie Siegler, from Indiana, in 1912, and they are farmers living near Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio.

Enoch Ely, who was born February 21, 1889, is doing office work at the Steel Works of Portsmouth, Ohio. He married Miss Blanche Rentinger in 1912.

Edward Sayers, born January 28, 1893, assists his father.

Susan, was born October 1, 1897, and is attending the high school of Bethel.

Ruhama Elizabeth, who was born August 5, 1901, attends the school in the district.

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Mr. Brown is largely self-made, for although Mrs. Brown inherited property, he has accumulated many of the comforts of life by his own industry and energetic attention to the details of his large business interests. He owns a well improved farm and in 1903 built an elegant modern home. He conducts a fine dairy business, and in connection does general farming and stock raising.

In political views, Mr. Brown is Republican and has served in the capacity of assessor for two terms and for three years was township trustee. Fraternally, he holds membership with the order of Knights of Pythias, and has filled all the chairs. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Presbyterian church, she being an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. Brown has followed the occupation of farming since his marriage, with the exception of the first year, which he spent in the grocery business in Cincinnati. He is quiet and reserved, but cordial to all who call at the home, which is often thrown open to the family friends. He is a man of integrity and ability, a genial, whole-souled citizen.

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### JAMES DAVIDSON.

Among the native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, who have been actively identified with the farming interests here is numbered Mr. James Davidson, now living a retired life at Bethel, Ohio. He was born October 22, 1837, and is a son of John and Arie (Chalmers) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Mason county, Kentucky, in 1799, and the latter was born near Plainville, Hamilton county, Ohio, July 10, 1798, and died July 24, 1873. They were farmers of the county and are buried here. There were ten children born to them, of whom James is the only one living.

James Davidson acquired his education in the common schools of the county, after which he assisted his father on the farm until he was of age, working a little at the carpenter's trade.

On September 1, 1859, occurred the marriage of Mr. Davidson to Miss Martha Summers, who was a daughter of John and Vanelia (Trump) Summers. John Summers was born at Philadelphia, October 5, 1795, and his wife was born No-





vember 29, 1799, also in Pennsylvania. They are both buried in Ohio, where they came at an early day. Of the three children born to this couple, none are living: Elizabeth, was the widow of James Mathew, of Cincinnati, and died in 1912, and Malancthon died as a youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson had born to them nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county.

Joseph M., of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Charles Henry, of Kansas.

Thomas B., of Williamsburg township, Clermont county.

Hon. John S., whose sketch appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Emma, is the wife of John Burnside, of Williamsburg township.

Herman P., of Williamsburg township.

Nellie, who is her father's housekeeper.

Harvey, of Colorado.

Alice, is at home.

After their marriage, Mr. Davidson and his wife settled on a farm in Batavia township, where they carried on general farming for sixteen years. In 1875 the family removed to a farm on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, in Williamsburg township, later moving again to another farm in the same township, on Clover creek, where he remained until he retired from farm life. He purchased a home at Bethel, where he now resides in comfort and quietude. Mrs. Davidson passed from this life January 8, 1902, and since then his daughter, Nellie, has kept the home for him and a younger sister.

Mr. Davidson is a devoted member of the Methodist church and takes an active interest in all religious affairs. He is a Democrat in politics and is well posted on all subjects of the day. He is largely a self-made man and is enjoying the fruitful labors of his younger years. He has the respect of all in the community in which he lives, and is counted a representative citizen of the county.

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#### MILLER W. FAGALY.

Miller W. Fagaly, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of Clermont county, Ohio, who has resided on his present farm for more than forty years, was born at Cincin-



nati, November 21, 1835, and is a son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Fox) Fagaly.

Lewis Fagaly, whose birth occurred in 1802, was a native of Germany, coming to this country in 1804 with his parents, who located at Cincinnati, where he made his home for thirty years. He was a butcher by trade and was one of the first in Cincinnati when there was but two stalls in the market place at Pearl and Butler streets. Lewis was a man of unusual business ability and was very successful in his line of work. In 1851, he purchased a farm in Clermont county, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death taking place in 1882. Mrs. Fagaly was a native of Mason, Warren county, Ohio, her birth occurring on January 9, 1813, and passing from this life March 11, 1876. They were both members of the Wesley Methodist church, having been formerly members of the United Brethren church. To them were born twelve children, of whom seven are still living:

Eveline R., is the wife of Samuel McHenry, of Dayton, Ohio.

William H., deceased.

Miller W., our subject.

Margaret and Mary Ellen, deceased.

Keziah M., of Clermont county, Ohio.

Louisa and Wallace Clark, deceased.

Sarah J. married Belleville Impson, of Cincinnati.

Harriet is the wife of John Barnes, of Forrestville, Ohio.

Charles A., of North Bethel, Ohio.

Elmer J., of Redding.

Mr. Miller W. Fagaly received his mental training in the schools of Cincinnati and Bethel, Ohio, remaining at home until he was of age and on December 31, 1857, occurred his marriage to Miss Malinda C. Beck, a daughter of John and Eliza (Edwards) Beck. She was born March 29, 1834. Her father was a native of the county, having been born in 1807, and died in March, 1861. Her mother was born in New Jersey, in 1805, and died in 1889. Mrs. Fagaly was one of twelve children, two of whom are living:

Horace, of Bethel, Ohio.

John, of Hamlet, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Fagaly devoted his time to the occupation of farming in Tate township until the Civil war broke out, when he moved to Bethel, where he made stirrups and saddle trees for the soldiers. In 1864 he enlisted in Company —, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteers, serv-



ing four months. Mrs. Fagaly passed away August 18, 1910, leaving three children to mourn her loss:

John Lewis, who was born October 5, 1858, in Clermont county, married Miss Belle Ely. They are farmers of Tate township.

Anna Roselia, was born October 24, 1861. She is keeping house for her father.

George Mathews, whose birth occurred September 18, 1870, and passed from this life February 11, 1904. He married Mary Etta Boggess, and to them were born two sons, Miller W. and George Gerald.

In 1871, Mr. Fagaly purchased his present farm, where he has since made his home. He has followed farming as an occupation most of his life, and has been counted one of the most substantial farmers of the county. He is a Republican and claims membership in the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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### FRANK FOSSYL.

Mr. Frank Fossyl, whose useful and upright life was terminated in death February 4, 1901, at Bethel, Ohio, was a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Hungaria, March 9, 1852. His father and one brother were soldiers of the German army and lost their lives in the service.

Mr. Fossyl came to America when he was fourteen years of age and located in New York, where he began his life career as an employee in a piano factory. He spent ten years there, after which he came to Cincinnati, engaging as a coachman for a family on Walnut Hills. Tiring of this occupation he came to Clermont county, where he was in the employ of Mr. William Iden and Dr. B. Thompson. Later he took up the work in the shoe factory at Bethel. Politically, Mr. Fossyl was a Democrat, and socially, a member of the Odd Fellows.

On March 31, 1869, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fossyl to Miss Nancy Jane Zugg, who is a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Swing) Zugg, and was born November 10, 1850, in Clermont county. Her father was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, August 26, 1813, and died September 8, 1890. He was a Democrat and held various township offices. Her mother was born in Clermont county, April 12, 1818, and died March





21, 1859. Both were members of the Baptist church and are buried in the Bethel cemetery. To them were born a large family:

Sarah, who married James Clare, of Bethel, was at one time the owner of the old Grant home.

Harriet, who is the widow of William Clare, is the present owner of the old Grant home at Bethel.

Nancy J., who is Mrs. Fossyl.

Mary, who was born November 19, 1852, married Thomas Meeker, a farmer of Tate township. She died in May, 1912.

Lewis E., was born October 8, 1854, and died in 1909. He was a farmer of Brown county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl were given one child to bless their union:

Minnie, who was born in Clermont county, January 2, 1871, and received her education in the common schools of the county and was united in marriage to Cloyd W. Henderson, December 24, 1902. He was born at Bethel, Ohio, August 20, 1870, and is a son of Perry and Susan (Hicks) Henderson, the former of whom was an employee in the Bethel shoe factory, and passed away in 1908. His mother still lives in Bethel. They were the parents of the following children: Lee and Mamie, of Bethel, Ohio; Margaret, married John Nelcamp, of Bethel; Maude, is the wife of Alfred Holmes, a farmer living near Bethel; Court and Leveret, of Cincinnati, and Laura, who is the wife of Mr. Peck, living in the East End of Cincinnati.

Mr. Henderson is assistant superintendent of the shoe factory of Bethel, and is a reliable machinist, receiving many promotions from time to time. He is a Republican, but not an office seeker. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have had one child born to them, Mary Grace, who was born in Clermont county, February 5, 1904, and after six months her sweet life was taken, on August 21, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl's foster son, Howard, was born May 5, 1887, and attended the schools of the county, after which he was engaged in the shoe factory for a period. He married Miss Irene McCann, and is now residing in Cincinnati, engaged with the Miller Shoe Company. They have two children, who were born in Clermont county: Claude, was born May 27, 1905, and Estelle died at the age of six months. This foster son has been a great comfort to Mrs. Fossyl and she is justly proud of him and his progress in the business world.



About 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl moved to Bethel, where they spent a pleasant six months in their home on Main street, before death came to take one of the members from this life.

Mrs. Fossyl and her daughter, Mrs. Henderson, are devoted members of the Christian church, being members also of the Ladies' Circle. The elder lady holds membership in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is a great doer of kindly deeds.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Fossyl was Frederick Zugg, who was born and reared in Germany. He and his good wife, Caroline, came to Cincinnati in the early days when that city was in the beginning of its growth. Their family consisted of: Frederick, Christian, Henry, William, and Samuel, who was the father of Mrs. Fossyl. All of the sons are deceased.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Fossyl was Samuel Swing, who married Lydia Dryall in 1815, and they were the parents of the following: Michael, Sarah, Abraham, Ellen, Jeremiah, David and Shadrach, all deceased.

Both the families of Mrs. Fossyl and her daughter, who resides with her, are of the substantial ones of the county, combining all the characteristics of refinement and integrity that goes to make representative citizens.

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### ALBERT CRANE.

After an active, useful and honorable career as an agriculturalist, Mr. Albert Crane passed from this life, February 7, 1905. He was a representative of one of the oldest families of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth occurring October 12, 1844, on the same farm, near Bethel, on which his father was born, June 26, 1820. His father was also a farmer of prominence in the county. His mother was Miss Euphemia Burk, who was born in Clermont county, December 25, 1822, and who died June 26, 1893. George W. Crane, father of our subject, was a Republican and a member of the school board, taking an interest in all affairs that were for the good of the community. His death took place July 9, 1892.

Albert Crane received his education in the common schools of Bethel, helping his father on the farm, familiarizing himself with all the details of farm life. He followed this occupation

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until his marriage to Margaret N. Bragdon, January 1, 1871. She was born in Pierce township, this county, October 28, 1849, a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Noyes) Bragdon, the former of whom was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1809, and who died July 12, 1887. Her mother, born at East Fork, Clermont county, in 1822, and died March 31, 1906. Of the eight children born to this union all are living:

Anna, is Mrs. Thomas Holland, of Bethel, Ohio.

Margaret, is the widow of Mr. Albert Crane.

Laura, is the wife of Samuel Edwards, of Bantam, Ohio.

Nora, married John White, of Terrace Park, Ohio.

Dr. Ernest, of Bethel, Ohio.

Thomas C., resides in Williamsburg, Ohio.

Abner N., of Los Angeles, Cal.

Etta, is Mrs. William Strock, residing at Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the call of his country for volunteers, Mr. Crane enlisted in the Union army, in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged from service at the close of the war.

Mr. Crane was successful as a farmer, being a practical business man and carried on his work in a methodical manner, getting the best results from his labors. He was a Republican, serving as a member and officer of the Bethel school board for many years. He held membership with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, and in the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Crane joined the Baptist church when quite young. There were two children born to this union:

Edwin L., born September 21, 1873, and died December 6, 1898. He married Miss Bertha Prickett, and to this couple were born two children: Emmett, born March 26, 1894, makes his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Crane; Mildred Grace, born March 3, 1897, is with her mother, who resides in Cincinnati.

Grace E., who was born January 12, 1877, is the wife of George P. Hibbets, of Kansas City. They had two children: Philip Crane Hibbets, born March 17, 1902, and died July 16, 1902; Margaret E., born May 22, 1906.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Crane rented the farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres, which Mr. Crane left her, and purchased a comfortable home at the edge of Bethel, where she has since resided. She is an earnest worker in the Baptist church, and is an active member of the ladies' aid.

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## DR. WILLIAM EDWARD LEEVER.

Dr. Edward Leever belongs to one of the oldest families of Clermont county, where they settled about one hundred years ago. He is a native of Clermont county, born in Jackson township, in 1875, son of John Wesley and Mary (Johnson) Leever, the father born near Guinea, Clermont county, in 1841, and died in 1878, and the mother, who was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, 1842, now lives at Afton, Clermont county, and is the wife of John Meek. John Wesley Leever was a son of Henry W. Leever, who was a Methodist preacher, spending some time on the "circuit," and also preaching in local churches. His home was at Guinea and in later life he became a blacksmith and farmer. He was one of the most highly esteemed men in the county and well known in that part of the State. The family originally came from Germany, and several members participated in the Revolutionary war after coming to America. They originally settled in Pennsylvania, the father of Henry W. Leever being one of eight sons who located there, and later came to Ohio, locating at Loveland, Guinea, and other places in Southwestern Ohio.

John Wesley Leever engaged in farming in Jackson township and became successful in this enterprise. He also conducted a nursery for some years. He served three years and three months in Company G, First Ohio volunteer cavalry, and his brother Felix was killed while serving in the Union army.

John W. Leever and wife had four children, namely: Julietta, wife of D. Lamkin, lives at Mannsville, Okla.; Charles H. is a lawyer and resides in Cincinnati; Dr. William E. is the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth married Isaac Shoemaker, and they reside at Hillsboro, Ohio.

Dr. Leever's father having died when he was very young, he had his own way to make, and early developed habits of self-reliance. In boyhood he worked at farming in summer and attended local schools in winter. He received his scientific education at Lebanon, Ohio, and Ohio Medical College (known as Cincinnati Medical College), from which he graduated. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Owensville, where his reputation as a successful general practitioner is well founded. He has won the esteem and respect of his fellows and stands well in professional circles. He has taken an active interest in local affairs and helped promote the



Building & Loan Association, of which he is secretary and is a director of the local bank, also a member of the village board of education. He is a Republican in political belief and belongs to Owensville Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and steward. His wife belongs to the Baptist church of Bethel, and both are conscientious workers in the cause. He belongs to two fraternal organizations, the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and is popular in both. He and his wife are well known socially and both have reason to feel proud of the part taken by their families in the past history of Clermont county.

Dr. Leever was married, in 1901, to Miss Florence Crane, who was born in Bethel, Ohio, in 1879, daughter of Cyrus and Olive (Van Osdol) Crane, whose sketch appears in this history. Three children have blessed this union, all born in Owensville: Vivian Crane, aged nine years; Lester Leon, aged seven, and Russell E., four years. Dr. and Mrs. Leever erected their pretty home on Broadway in 1902, and there his office is located.

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### FRED H. SCOTT.

The popular, energetic and progressive marshall of Bethel, Ohio, Fred H. Scott, is a son of Harrison and Elizabeth (Fields) Scott and was born at Bethel, August 31, 1867. Harrison Scott was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in 1815, in Westmoreland county. He came with his parents to Clermont county, Ohio, when a lad. He and General Grant were fast friends in young manhood, at Bethel, and at one time when Grant returned from West Point, Harrison, who was a great mimic, had a suit made which was the exact duplicate of the uniform worn by the cadets at the military school, causing great amusement among the young people by following his friend around town. He afterward enlisted in the Civil war, under General Grant, receiving an honorable discharge direct from him at the close of the war. Elizabeth (Fields) Scott, the mother of our subject, was born in Alabama, in 1830, and died in 1901. Harrison Scott passed away, April 25, 1885, and a peculiar occurrence in regard to both of these deaths is, that both died on Saturday before Easter Sunday, and both died in the seventy-first year of their life. They had born to their union nine children:



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Olive, who married Albert Warden, of Ripley, Ohio, passed away at the age of fifty years.

Jane, is Mrs. O. C. Thompson, of Bethel; Ohio.

Laura, of Bethel, Ohio.

Mary, is the wife of George Armour, Ripley, Ohio.

Zella, is Mrs. John Browning, of Bethel.

Callie, is the widow of Griffith Wasson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, where she is forelady in a shoe factory.

William H., of Cincinnati.

Fred H., of this mention.

Frank, who resides at Bethel.

Mr. Fred H. Scott received his mental training in the public schools of his native town, following which he was employed at various occupations, until his marriage to Miss Georgia Thomas Easter, June 2, 1890. She was born at Falmouth, Ky., in 1874, and is a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Thomas) Easter, both natives of Kentucky, the latter of whom passed away May 24, 1912. There were four children:

Georgia T., is Mrs. George Scott.

Leo, of Bethel, Ohio.

Blanch and Lottie are at home.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Scott are four children, and the family circle has remained unbroken by the hand of death. These are:

William Earl, who was born October 4, 1890, and pursued his education in the schools of Bethel and graduated from the high school. He studied the clarinet from Mr. James Fitzpatrick, who is the leader of the Bethel band, and is now playing first cornet in the Twenty-sixth regimental band of Detroit, Mich.

Matson Leo, who was born July 14, 1892, is a graduate of the high school of Bethel, and is substitute mail carrier on one of the rural routes.

Gladys, who was born September 4, 1897, is attending school at Bethel.

Harold Rexford, was born January 5, 1901.

Several relatives of Mr. F. H. Scott answered the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war. An uncle of Mr. Scott's, James Wasson, was in the same company as his father and a cousin, Palmer Wasson, received mortal wounds in the army. Two brothers-in-law, Mr. Warden and Mr. Thomson, were in the service, enlisting from Ohio.

William H. Scott, a brother of our subject, was at one time on the police force of Cincinnati, and after the death of his



wife, traveled with the Barnum & Bailey circus for two years, as boss hostler, thus enabling him to see the countries of the old world as well as this country. He was privileged to visit all the principal cities and see many noted personages of the royalty.

Mr. Scott is an independent voter in politics, always placing his vote for the best man regardless of which party he represents. He was elected marshall of Bethel on the Democratic and Home ticket in 1911, in which capacity he is still serving to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Scott is universally well liked and is a wide awake citizen of the county, and gives to the public whom he serves the best possible service. He is conscientious and upright in his conduct, performing any duty falling to his lot in a business like way.

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#### E. C. MANNING.

One of the rising young business men of Bethel, Ohio, who is successfully engaged in the fire insurance business is E. C. Manning, of an old and representative family of Clermont county, Ohio. He is a pleasantly progressive gentleman, having a fine, up-to-date business and numbers his friends by the scores.

The birth of Mr. E. C. Manning occurred March 29, 1874, on the farm of his father, O. J. Manning, who is also a native of the county, being born April 2, 1844. He has followed farming as an occupation all his life. He married Miss Francis M. Fee, who was born in Clermont county, September 14, 1851, and whose death took place July 19, 1883. Of the five children who were given to this union three are living:

E. C., the subject of this sketch.

Samuel F., assistant secretary of the board of health of the city of Chicago.

Elmer J., of Bethel, with the Interurban Traction Company.

Mr. Manning acquired his education in the schools of Bethel and Clermont county and began his business career in the tobacco business in connection with farming, continuing for ten years. For five years following, he was with the Interurban Traction Company, after which he was deputy of the probate court for one year. Since the expiration of his term as deputy, he has devoted his entire time to fire insurance business, representing the following companies: Old Hartford Insurance

The first of these is the fact that the United States is a young nation, and its history is therefore a history of growth and development. It is a history of the struggle for independence, of the struggle for the establishment of a new form of government, and of the struggle for the expansion of the territory of the United States.

The second of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of immigrants. It is a nation of people who have come from many different parts of the world, and who have brought with them their own customs, languages, and religions. This has made the United States a melting pot of different cultures, and has given it a unique character.

The third of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of pioneers. It is a nation of people who have gone to the frontiers, who have explored the unknown, and who have built a new life for themselves in a new land. This has given the United States a spirit of adventure and a sense of purpose.

The fourth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of freedom. It is a nation of people who have fought for the right to live in a free society, who have fought for the right to speak their minds, and who have fought for the right to worship as they please. This has given the United States a reputation for freedom and democracy.

The fifth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of progress. It is a nation of people who have been at the forefront of scientific and technological advancement, who have been the first to use the airplane, the automobile, and the radio. This has given the United States a reputation for progress and innovation.

The sixth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of peace. It is a nation of people who have fought for peace, who have been the first to use the atomic bomb, and who have been the first to use the hydrogen bomb. This has given the United States a reputation for peace and stability.

The seventh of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of justice. It is a nation of people who have fought for the rights of the oppressed, who have fought for the rights of the poor, and who have fought for the rights of the colored people. This has given the United States a reputation for justice and equality.

The eighth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of hope. It is a nation of people who have fought for a better future, who have fought for a more just society, and who have fought for a more peaceful world. This has given the United States a reputation for hope and optimism.

The ninth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of love. It is a nation of people who have fought for love, who have fought for the love of their country, and who have fought for the love of their fellow men. This has given the United States a reputation for love and compassion.



Company, Insurance Company of North America, New York Underwriters, Home Insurance Company of New York; Philadelphia Underwriters, Aetna Insurance Company, German American Company, Continental, Royal, Fidelity Underwriters, Sun of England, Norwich Union of England, and American Central.

On April 27, 1899, Mr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Blanch Penny, a native of Brown county, Ohio, whose parents are G. H. and Mary (Norris) Penny, residents of Bethel, Ohio. There are four children in the family:

A. H., resides at Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Bessie, now the wife of Clemens Reif, residing at Morrow, Warren county, Ohio.

Blanch, who is Mrs. Manning.

Grace, who is an exceptionally fine teacher, has taught in the schools of Youngstown, Middletown, and Bethel, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Bethel High School, and holds a life teacher's certificate in Ohio.

One child has blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Beulah Mae, born February 3, 1908, in Clermont county, Ohio. They are consistent members of the Methodist church and Mr. Manning has membership in the fraternal organizations of Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Manning has membership in the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters.

Mr. Manning endorses the principles of the Democratic party and is at present township clerk. He has also served his party as mayor of Bethel most acceptably. In June, 1912, he was elected deputy grand chancellor of Clermont county, Ohio, at the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, in session at Canton, Ohio. Mr. Manning deserves all the praise that is implied in the term "self-made," for his prosperity and advancement is due to his own energy and close application to his business interests.

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#### A. C. WOOD.

Few names are more familiar or more closely identified with the affairs of Clermont county, Ohio, than that of Mr. A. C. Wood, owner of the "Bethel Journal." The Wood family is of English descent and has been prominent in the history of Clermont county since it was known as the Northwest



Territory. Absalon Wood, the grandfather of the Mr. Wood of this mention, was one of the first settlers of the county.

Mr. Wood is a son of S. S. and Mary J. (Smith) Wood, and was born in Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, August 25, 1867. His father and mother were both natives of Clermont county, the birth of the former occurring in the year of 1845, and the latter being born in 1847. They were well to do farmers and raisers of fine stock. Their family consisted of three children: A. C.; Nina A., is the widow of Charles Sells, of Dayton, Ohio, and Rosa A., who died in her eighteenth year. The death of Mr. S. S. Wood occurred in 1885, his wife being spared until April, 1911.

Mr. Wood enjoyed the educational privileges of the schools of Hamersville, Ohio, and was graduated from the high school with high honors. He then followed the occupation of farming for a period, after which he was checkman for the transfer company of Omaha, Neb. Returning to Hamersville, Ohio, he engaged in the hay, grain and coal business at that place. He sold out his business interests there and took up the insurance business in Cincinnati, which he followed for some time. Mr. Wood was later connected with the Daum Shoe Company, of Ripley, Ohio, and in 1908 located in Bethel, where he has since engaged in the insurance and real estate business. In 1911, he purchased the "Bethel Journal," one of the best newspapers in the county. The various business experiences which he has had, has fitted Mr. Wood for the position he now holds in the community.

Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Stella Chapman, in June, 1889. Mrs. Wood is a daughter of W. N. and Emma (Cheeseman) Chapman, who are residents of Brown county, Ohio, and was born in 1871. She is one of three children, the others being:

Edward, of Ripley, Ohio.

Allie, is Mrs. William Daugherty, of Brown county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood have had four children born to bless their union:

Lola, who was born in 1890, is the amiable telephone operator of the Bethel exchange.

Verner B., whose birth occurred in February, 1892, is employed in the National Cash Register at Dayton, Ohio.

Dale C., who was born in October, 1898, is in the office of his father's printing establishment.

Forrest D., was born November 2, 1902.



Mr. Wood's study of the political issues of the day have led him to give his support to the Democratic party and is likewise interested in the public schools, having been clerk of the school board in Clark township, Brown county, Ohio. In religious views, both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are devoted members of the Disciple church.

One incident in the life of the subject of this review that is rare and is experienced by few is, that he was a man grown before death claimed any of his grandparents, and that he plainly remembers two of his great-grandparents. His maternal grandfather, S. B. Smith, was one of the pioneer settlers of Clermont county, and was a wealthy farmer and stock raiser, in connection with which occupation he taught penmanship and music in the schools of the county in the early days.

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### JACOB VINSON.

Germany has furnished to the United States many valued citizens, who have crossed the broad ocean to seek their fortune in the "Land of Great Opportunity." To this class belongs Mr. Jacob Vinson, the popular and enterprising baker of Bethel, Ohio. In the six years of his residence in Bethel, he has built up a fine and prosperous business, and by his genial manner has made for himself a host of friends.

Mr. Jacob Vinson was born at Walsdenberg, Germany, August 13, 1876. His parents, Kasimer and Elizabeth (Briston) Vinson, were natives of Germany, the former having been born in 1844 and the latter in 1847. The father died in Germany in 1907, and the mother is still living in the land of her nativity. They had born to them, six children, three of whom are in America:

John, a resident of the State of Washington.

Mary, married John Bower, of Hamilton, Ohio.

Jacob, of this review.

Jacob Vinson pursued his education in the schools of his home town, beginning his business life as a carpenter, which occupation he followed until 1893, when he came to America, locating at Hamilton, Ohio. He engaged in a bakery at that place, familiarizing himself with all the details of the business and in 1906 went into the business for himself at Bethel. Mr. Vinson does his own baking, using one and one-half bar-





rels of flour each day. He employs two helpers and delivers to grocers and retail bakery stores and the demand for his goods proves that they are first class in every way.

The marriage of Mr. Jacob Vinson to Miss Olga Gessell occurred in 1899. She is also a native of Germany, her birth taking place in 1873. Her parents, Antone and Eva (Wind) Gessel, came to America when she was a small child, the father living on a nice farm not far from Bethel. Her mother died January 28, 1912. There were five children in the family:

Lewis, of Cincinnati.

Ernest, of Clifton Heights.

Tony, living near Bethel, Ohio.

Olga, who is Mrs. Vinson.

Marie, married Frank Dworshack, and lives in Austria.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson are the proud parents of four fine children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio:

Jacob, was born September 24, 1900.

Sophia Eva, born October 20, 1901.

Edward H., born April 8, 1906.

John William, was born December 16, 1910.

In political affairs, Mr. Vinson votes the Independent ticket, believing that the right man for the place should have the office regardless of the party he represents.

Mrs. Vinson attends the Catholic church, and Mr. Vinson holds membership in the fraternal organization of Odd Fellows. He has been solicited for public office, but he has refused for lack of time to devote to anything aside from his business, which keeps him well occupied. He has the largest bakery business in Bethel, and is broad-minded and liberal citizen.

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### CYRUS L. CRANE.

Cyrus L. Crane, deceased, was well known in Clermont county, Ohio, for many years as a progressive agriculturist. He was one of the county's workers, assisting materially in its growth and progress. In purity and strength of character, Mr. Crane was among the foremost.

A native of the county, he was born February 20, 1851, on a farm, now a part of Bethel, Ohio, on which his father's birth occurred. He was a son of George W. and Euphemia (Burke) Crane, the former of whom was born June 26, 1820.



and who died July 9, 1892, the latter being born near Bethel also, December 25, 1822, and died June 26, 1893. They were the parents of two children:

Albert, deceased, was born October 12, 1844.

Cyrus L., of this sketch.

Cyrus L. Crane was a Republican, an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and interested in education and everything that tended to the betterment of mankind.

The maternal grandfather of George W. Crane, Obed Denham, donated the land for the town of Bethel, and being a far-seeing man, reserved for the town the right to a fine well on a portion of the land. He stipulated that the water should be used only for the purpose of supplying the town, and not to be sold under any consideration.

The grandfather of our subject, Davis Crane, came to Clermont county early in the Nineteenth century.

Mr. Cyrus Crane pursued his education in the public schools of Bethel, and after completing the high school course he attended the State University at Ann Arbor, Mich. After the completion of his education, he taught school during the winter terms, in Clermont county, for several years.

The marriage of Mr. C. L. Crane to Miss Olive Van Osdol took place December 29, 1875, and the young couple settled on a farm near Bethel. He followed the occupation of farming for the remainder of his life, meeting with success. His death occurred September 16, 1906. He left two children:

Florence M., who is Mrs. Dr. Lever, of Owensville, Clermont county. They have three children—Vivian C., Lester Leon and Russell E.

Hazeltine L. is at home with her mother.

Both daughters are well educated, being graduate of the Bethel High School, and of the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio.

Mrs. Crane was born near Bethel, in 1854, and is a daughter of Isaac and Martha G. (Crouch) Van Osdol. Isaac Van Osdol was born in sight of the birthplace of his future bride, Martha Crouch. Mrs. Crane's grandparents were among the first settlers in Clermont county, and the grandfather, Oakey Van Osdol, served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Crane built the home in Bethel, where she now resides, although she still owns the farm where she and Mr. Crane spent many happy years rearing their family. She is a member of the Woman's Club of





Bethel, and is an active member of the Baptist church. She has three sisters, one of whom is deceased:

Elizabeth, married William Hancock, and both are deceased.

Mary, is Mrs. J. C. Trout, of Brown county, Ohio.

Ellen, married Elihu T. Laycock, of Bethel.

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### DIMMITT ELWOOD SOUTH.

Among the progressive and enterprising families of Clermont county, Ohio, who by their united industry and ambition have been rewarded by a measure of prosperity, is the family of Mr. Dimmitt Elwood South. Mr. South is a representative of one of the oldest of families of the county and was born at Bethel, August 16, 1858, a son of Ezekiel and Catherine Esther (Flick) South.

Ezekiel South was born at Bethel, Ohio, May 6, 1816, and Catherine Esther (Flick) South was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1814. The father of Ezekiel, Isaac South, came to Clermont county, Ohio, in the early days, from New Jersey, and was a hatter by trade. He also did some farming in connection with his other occupation and during the cholera time, in 1826, died, his wife living but a short time after his death. Ezekiel was a shoe maker and was appointed postmaster of Bethel by Abraham Lincoln, in 1861, holding the position continuously for twenty-three years. He was also elected mayor of Bethel, serving in this capacity for one term. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Clermont Chapter, No. 211, Free and Accepted Masons. Both he and his estimable wife were devoted members of the Methodist church and their home was always open to the ministers and presiding elders of the church. Ezekiel South passed from this life in 1902, his wife having died in 1891. Both are buried in the Bethel cemetery. There were five sons, all born in Clermont county:

Corwin, who was a resident of Bethel, Ohio, is deceased.

Eugene, a physician in the Civil war for one year, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, died in 1867.

Philip T., is a lawyer of Indianapolis, Ind.

Ledrué, died in 1879.

Dimmitt Elwood, the subject of this mention.



Mr. Dimmitt Elwood South received his education in the schools of Bethel and his first work after the completion of his schooling was in the bureau of engraving and printing of the treasury department at Washington, D. C., where he remained for nine months. Upon his return to Bethel, in 1877, he learned the shoe maker's trade with his father and brother, continuing at this occupation for about ten years. He was then associated with the Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth and the Interurban and Terminal railways as agent at Bethel for eleven years, and has since been engaged as a rural mail carrier.

On October 3, 1883, Mr. South was united in marriage to Miss Edith Harrison, who was born at Owensville, Ohio, October 24, 1856. Her parents, C. J. and Leah Ann (Parker) Harrison, were born in New Brunswick, Canada, and in Clermont county, Ohio, respectively. The father was born in 1828 and the mother in July, 1826, the latter passing away in October, 1906, and is buried at Miamiville, Ohio. C. J. Harrison came to Clermont county when he was twenty years of age, taking his first examination for a teacher's certificate, under the late George L. Swing, of Batavia, Ohio, who was then probate judge of the county, and taught school for many years. For several years Mr. Harrison was school examiner and was county auditor for two terms, following which he retired from active service because of failing hearing. He has since written several books, one of which, "Tracadia," was published, meeting with great success. Several serial stories that he has written have never been published, but one poem, entitled, "The Fate of Hassan," was published in 1857 in Harper's Magazine, and attracted much attention and comment by reason of its uniqueness. It is thought to be the only poem ever published containing no letter "e" in the several verses. It has gone the rounds of the magazines for years, and was last seen in the Scrap Book. Mr. Harrison makes his home with his several children since the death of his wife, who was a devoted member of the Methodist church. To them were born seven children:

Ella, married J. S. Meek, of Afton, Ohio, deceased.

Louise, is Mrs. Thomas Lever, of Loveland, Ohio.

Edith, is Mrs. D. E. South.

Belle, married William Thurston, of New York, deceased.

Charlotte, became the wife of Frank M. Titus, of Batavia, deceased.



Annie, the widow of John Potts, is matron of the Indian school at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

James, met with death by drowning in a pond near his home at Branch Hill, Ohio, in 1885, in the eighteenth year of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. South have three children to bless their union, all of whom were born at Bethel Ohio:

Dale R., whose birth occurred March 3, 1885, pursued his education in the schools of Bethel, following which he attended the Ohio State University for three years.

Camille L., was born April 7, 1889. She attended Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and is at home with her parents.

Annie Marie, was born January 18, 1893, and is attending the Ohio State University, taking the Domestic Science course.

Mrs. South has demonstrated what a woman can accomplish in a business way. For several years she has engaged in manufacturing infant's moccasins, the steadily increasing trade warranting the building of a two-story factory in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. South are consistent members of the Methodist church, and give largely of their means for the support of all worthy affairs. They are Christians, both by faith and practice, their dealings with mankind are in perfect accord with the tenets they believe. Mr. South is trustee and steward of their home church.

Mr. and Mrs. South and three children are members of the Eastern Star, while Mr. South and son, Dale, holds membership with the fraternal order of Masons. Mr. South is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics, Mr. South is a progressive Republican, and has served as township clerk for two terms, and for the same time as tax collector.

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#### A. F. ELY.

Among the prominent and energetic farmers of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, none is more deserving of honorable mention than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was a son of Amasa and Roxanna (Noyes) Ely, and was born November 11, 1856, in Batavia township, on the farm on which he resided until his death, February 1, 1913, after an illness of four months.





Amasa Ely was born on the East Fork, near Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, May 31, 1817, and died December 25, 1889. In early life he was a cooper, later engaged also in agriculture, in connection with his trade. He was one of eight sons, who were all bound out and learned trades. They are as follows:

Benjamin became a weaver by trade.

James, for many years conducted the "Ely House" at Hamlet, his place being a changing point in stage traffic.

John became a blacksmith.

Amasa learned the trade of a cooper.

George was a carpenter.

Samuel became a hatter and later was a merchant and postmaster at Mt. Olive, Clermont county.

Josiah learned practical farming.

Robert learned the trade of a weaver and went to the army at the age of eighteen years. He was color bearer all through the Civil war, and one day when he was unable to carry the flag, the bearer who took his place was shot down. He brought the flag home with him, and it is now in Columbus, Ohio.

A half-brother, Joseph, is a cabinet maker, and he has made a number of banjos and other musical instruments. He is the only one living, his home being at Peebles, Ohio.

Roxanna (Noyes) Ely was born in Clermont county, near Amelia, June 17, 1826, and died October 23, 1900. She spent her girlhood days near Bantam. To her union with Amasa Ely were born four children, all of whom are deceased:

A son and daughter died in infancy.

Lewis died at the age of twenty-seven years.

A. F., our subject.

The educational privileges of Mr. A. F. Ely were exceptionally good for the days when he was young. After attending the schools of Batavia township, he pursued his studies at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. When he had completed his education, Mr. Ely returned to his parents' home and assisted his father in the duties on the farm, thus becoming conversant with the most practical methods of successful farming.

Mr. A. F. Ely was married to Cora Hancock, on April 9, 1879. Miss Hancock was born December 1, 1859, a daughter of Henry and Martha A. (Gray) Hancock, the former of whom was born in Maryland, September 5, 1829, and died January 7,



1891. The mother was born June 3, 1831, near Pleasant Hill, Clermont county, and passed away April 27, 1910. Both are buried in the Amelia cemetery.

Mr. Ely continued to operate the farm of fifty-six acres, which he inherited from his father, and during the passing years he made many improvements. He remodeled the house and enlarged the barns, giving the place a most prosperous appearance.

Mr. Ely always voted the Republican ticket, but was never an office seeker, preferring to give his entire attention to his farming interests.

The fraternal connections of Mr. Ely were with the Knights of Pythias, and he was an active worker for that organization.

Mr. A. F. Ely's is one of three families who settled in this neighborhood in the early settlement of the county, and he never lived elsewhere. Both he and Mrs. Ely are industrious and energetic and enjoy the respect of the entire community in which they live. They are pleasant and hospitable and their home is ever open to their friends.

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#### LAFAYETTE NASH.

Mr. Lafayette Nash, a prominent retired farmer of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, is one of the native sons of the county, who found opportunity for business advancement in their home locality. His life occupation has been along agricultural lines and a reasonable amount of success has crowned his efforts. He was born in Batavia township, March 14, 1845, and is a son of William, Jr., and Melvina (Gray) Nash, the latter a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, her father having settled in the county in the very early days. She was born at Twelve Mile, Pierce township, and died in 1906, and is buried in the Amelia cemetery.

William Nash, Sr., grandfather of Lafayette, was born near Laurel, on Indian Creek, December 29, 1776, and passed away January 1, 1873, at the age of ninety-seven years. He followed the occupation of general farming all of his life and was considered one of the substantial men of the county.

Lafayette Nash is one of ten children, three of whom are living:

Rosetta died at the age of eighteen.





Ruth became the wife of John Hamilton, and both are deceased.

Lafayette, the subject of this mention.

Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Vandeman, is deceased.

Andrew, Theodore and Lewis are deceased.

Edgar, a twin of Lewis, is a resident of Cincinnati.

Susan died in infancy.

Frank is deceased.

Mr. Lafayette Nash was educated in Batavia township and remained at the parental home until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He thus acquired a practical education under the instruction of his father, in the best methods of successful farming.

On August 23, 1868, occurred the marriage of Mr. Nash to Miss Josephine Moore, who was born near Nicholasville, this county, March 14, 1842, a daughter of James and Lucinda (Hinds) Moore, whose record appears on another page in these volumes, under the name of H. U. Moore, of Batavia. Mrs. Moore's mother was born in Willsburg, Va., in 1800, and died at the age of ninety-four years.

For five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Nash lived on a farm, and upon the death of Mr. Nash's father they removed to the home farm, which was the family home for thirty-five years. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nash were born four children, all natives of Clermont county. They are:

Eugenia Lou died at the age of one month.

James Canby died at the age of nineteen months.

Clara Myrtle died at the age of six years.

Wilma, who is the wife of Mr. C. E. Smith, and lives with her father. Mr. Smith was born in Batavia township, in 1867, and is a teacher in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio. He is a Republican and formerly served as town clerk of Amelia. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and was local register of the Amelia lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two daughters, both born in Clermont county: Alice is a senior in the Woodward High School, Cincinnati, and Genevieve was born in 1910. Mrs. Smith and her older daughter are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Nash is a trustee of the German American Bank, of Batavia, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Democrat, although not an office seeker, preferring the quiet of private life. Mr. Nash is quiet and



unpretentious, a man to be relied upon in all things, and bears the respect and regard of the entire community. Six years ago, Mr. Nash purchased a beautiful home at Amelia, on the Ohio pike, which he has remodeled to his own ideas of Comfort and convenience, and is now enjoying a well earned rest, after a life of activity.

Mrs. Nash passed from this life on March 9, 1909, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Amelia. She united with the Methodist church in 1869, under the pastorate of Rev. Merrick Head, at Zion Chapel, at Hurlington, Ohio. Mrs. Nash was an exemplary Christian and her death found her happy and trusting her Savior. Her life was one of good deeds and kindly services for those with whom she was associated. Mr. Nash is also a member and an elder of the Methodist church, being one of the substantial men of that denomination.

September 14, 1912, Mr. Lafayette Nash married Mrs. Mary E. Short, nee Smith and widow of Squire Joe Short, who died September 5, 1901. She was born in Illinois, daughter of Robert M. and Sarah (Whitaker) Smith, the former a teacher during his life. The mother died when Mrs. Nash was but fourteen months old, and the child was reared in the home of Joel and Mary H. Behymer, in Clermont county. Mrs. Nash taught for thirty years in Pierce township. She was for over fifty years a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, transferring her membership to Amelia immediately following her marriage to Mr. Nash.

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### J. V. MOTT, M. D.

Dr. J. V. Mott, one of the native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the pioneer families in this section. He is engaged in the general practice of his profession at Amelia, in which he has attained unusual prominence. He is a man of wide reputation in medical circles, and is a great reader and student, keeping well abreast of the times; there being few engaged in general practice with so broad and comprehensive a knowledge of the medical science in its entirety. The birth of Dr. J. V. Mott occurred July 26, 1863, on the old John Donham homestead, in Pierce township, which is one of the oldest homesteads in Southern Clermont. He is a son of Joseph and Jennette (Donham) Mott.



Joseph Mott was born in Vincennes, Ind., October 5, 1826, and passed away December 18, 1904. He was brought to Clermont county by his parents in infancy, and to his death made his home in this locality. He was a farmer by business practically all of his active life, and met with deserved success. In politics, Mr. Joseph Mott was a Democrat and filled many of the various local offices of trust in the township. He evidenced his religious faith by his membership in the Methodist church, and gave liberally to the support of that denomination. Joseph Mott married first, Miss Margaret Donham, and to their union were born three children, all of whom are deceased. The second marriage was to Mrs. Jennette (Donham) Colvin, a cousin of his former wife, and their union was blessed with two children:

Charles H., who is a farmer, resides on the old home farm in Pierce township.

J. V., who is the subject of this mention.

Jennette (Donham) Mott was born in 1820 at the old Donham homestead and passed to her eternal reward March 30, 1896. She had been twice married previous to her marriage to Joseph Mott, her first husband being John Pierce, and to their union were born two sons and two daughters, of whom E. B. Pierce, of Norwood, Ohio, is now living. Her second husband was John Colvin, and they became the parents of two daughters, twins, of whom one is now living, Cynthelia, the wife of J. D. Leeds, of St. Louis, Mo.

The father of Mrs. Joseph (Donham) Mott was John Donham, known throughout this section as "King" Donham, who came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. He was an uncle of Mr. P. J. Donham, of New Richmond, Ohio, and a brother of the late Col. Jonathon Donham, also of New Richmond, whose life record appears elsewhere on these pages. "King" Donham and a Mr. Mason were two of the hunters for the Columbia colony and were probably the first white men to visit Bethel, Ohio. On one of their big hunting trips, they killed several deer, near Deer Lick, not far from Bethel, which they hung in the trees out of the reach of the wolves and other wild animals numerous at that time, after which they "blazed" a trail so that a squad of men could be sent for the venison, from Columbia. They also broke the first ground for the colony at Columbia. John Donham was a man of few words and prompt action, as was illustrated upon one occasion when, needing flour badly, he put two bags of wheat on a horse





which he led to a water mill at Ten Mile. Upon arriving at the mill, he asked the proprietor's son to carry the bags into the mill for him, which the boy rudely refused to do, whereupon the gentleman turned away and taking his wheat with him returned home. He then sent one of his sons to Twelve Mile creek to locate a site for a grist mill, while he journeyed to Cincinnati to secure a millwright. A tract of two thousand acres was secured and a mill erected on what is now the Francis Werst place. The business thus established flourished for many years, and was a great benefit to the community. Politically, Mr. Donham was a Democrat, and served his party as a member of the State legislature of Ohio, from Hamilton county. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Sallie Jennings, by whom he had four children, and the second union was with Miss Elizabeth Brown, and to them were born six children. At the time of his decease, in 1858, he was the owner of some twenty-eight thousand acres of land, of which about three thousand five hundred acres were in Pierce, Ohio and Monroe townships, Clermont county.

Dr. J. V. Mott, the subject of this review, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pierce township, following which he became a student of the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1885. He at once began to practice his profession, and with the exception of one year as house physician at Maplewood Institute, his practice has been continuously in Amelia and the surrounding country.

The marriage of Dr. Mott to Miss Nina Gillaspie took place at Mount Pisgah, the ceremony occurring on the 26th of September, 1883. Mrs. Mott was born February 18, 1867, at Mount Pisgah, Ohio, her parents being J. B. and Jane (Cox) Gillaspie, the former of whom was born in 1834, and the latter in 1835, both being natives of Mount Pisgah. Mr. Gillaspie gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, which he served as justice of the peace for many years. He has membership with the New Light church of Ten Mile, and Mrs. Gillaspie embraces the faith of the Methodist denomination. They became the parents of eight children:

George, of Mt. Pisgah, Ohio.

Eliza, who became the wife of John V. Lewis, of Pierce township, Clermont county.



Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Golder, of Mt. Pisgah.

Nina, who is Mrs. Mott, of this sketch.

Florence B. died at the age of one year.

John H. is a resident of Henderson, Ky.

Charles, is also a resident of Henderson, Ky.

William Richard, of Mt. Pisgah, Ohio.

As the years have passed four children have come into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mott, who are as follows:

Victor Cleveland, who was born June 30, 1884, passed from this life at the age of eight months.

An infant son, not named, deceased.

Myrtle S., who was born February 27, 1887, is a graduate of the Amelia High School and taught three years at the Lindale school. She was married to Dr. F. C. Leeds, a practicing physician of Winchester, Ohio. They have one daughter, Anna Maurine, who was born at her grandfather's home at Amelia, May 29, 1912.

Anna G., who was born October 1, 1880, is a graduate of the Amelia High School, and is at home.

Two half-brothers of Dr. Mott, Albert R. and Elridge B. Pierce, were soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company G, Fiftieth Ohio volunteer infantry. They were captured at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and were incarcerated in Andersonville prison for a considerable length of time.

Dr. Mott is a member of the Clermont Eclectic Association, of the Ohio State Eclectic Association, and of these organizations he has filled the various offices, and is a member of the National Eclectic Association. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and he has held the office of county coroner for three terms. His fraternal associations are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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### JAMES SILLETT.

Mr. James Sillett, veteran of the Civil war, and the present progressive mayor of Amelia, Ohio, well deserves mention among the representative citizens of Clermont county, because of those sterling traits of character which always command respect and confidence. He was born in Suffolk, England, May 27, 1846, and is a son of William and Harriet Sillett,





both of whom were natives of England, where they passed away some years ago.

Of a family of six children, James Sillett has but one brother living, Henry Sillett, of Willard, Kan., who served in the Civil war, enlisting in the Seventeenth Indiana volunteer infantry. James attended the schools of Suffolk, England, until 1857, when he came to America with an uncle, who, after a period of two weeks spent in New York, came on to Ohio, where he bound out the young lad to a farmer living in Hamilton county. He remained with this man until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in the Fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. Sillett participated in a number of engagements, including the battles of Dumfrees, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania Court House, Gettysburg, going from there to New York to quell a draft riot in 1863, after which he returned and was transferred from the Twelfth to the Twentieth corps of the Army of the Cumberland. He was engaged in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Ringgold, Rocky Face, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost and was wounded June 22, 1864, at Kenasaw Mountain, and was discharged July 16, 1865.

The marriage of Mr. James Sillett to Miss Maggie E. Thomas was celebrated in 1866, she being a daughter of William Lee and Mary (Flora) Thomas, the latter a native of Kentucky. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sillett were born three children, the first two being born in Cincinnati, where Mr. Sillett was engaged as a stove mounter, from 1870 to 1892, and the youngest being born in Clermont county, where he followed the occupation of farming from 1892 to 1907. The children are named as follows:

Molly, who became the wife of William Ward, of New Richmond, Ohio, is the mother of two daughters, Lottie and Edith.

Lottie, who married John Benning, of Mt. Holly, Ohio, is the mother of two children, Ellen and Earl B.

Harry is a concrete worker in Cincinnati and resides at Amelia, Ohio.

Mrs. Sillett, the mother of this family, passed from this life April 28, 1908, and was laid to rest in the Christian church cemetery.

In 1911, Mr. James Sillett was united in marriage to Mrs. Katherine Williams, the widow of Freeman Williams, she being born in New Richmond, Ohio, March 21, 1858, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Edington) Kennelley. Her father



was born in New York and her mother was a native of England, both coming to Clermont county at an early date, and both are now deceased. Of the thirteen children born to this union, Mrs. Sillett is the only one living. She has a half-sister living, Alice, who became the wife of Jacob Hoover, of Illinois. Mr. Freeman Williams was born in Clermont county in 1856, and died January 25, 1908, his occupation having been that of a farmer. Mrs. Sillett was married previously to her union with Mr. Williams, to Mr. Peter Ross, by whom she had two children:

Charles Thomas Ross, who was born in Clermont county, July 17, 1878, is now a resident of Cincinnati, and is the father of five children—Gussie, Eva, Geneva, Fred and Scott.

Frederick S. Ross, who was born in Clermont county, July 27, 1881, is a resident of Cincinnati.

Mr. Sillett is now living in practical retirement at his comfortable home on the Ohio pike, after years of activity and honest effort.

The political support of Mr. Sillett is given to the Republican party, which he has served in the capacity of road supervisor and was elected mayor of Amelia in 1911, having filled the unexpired term of another man, by appointment, in 1910.

Mr. Sillett is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Sillett is a devoted member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Sillett has always tried to live a clean, upright life, and he and his estimable wife have the respect and esteem of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Sillett is a man of strong attachments and has always regretted that he and his brothers were so scattered that they could not enjoy each others companionship. He has been faithful to all of the duties that have come to him as the years have come and gone.

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### HARVEY PERIN.

Scion of one of the early families of Clermont—a family noted for initiative and progressive business enterprise—Harvey Perin was born in Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, May 19, 1862, son of Ira and Elvira (Day) Perin, and grandson of Samuel Perin, more extended mention of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.



Ira Perin was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, October 13, 1807, and died January 9, 1889; his wife was born February 22, 1823, and died February 26, 1905. The former, as a youth, was employed in the mill and distillery of his father, Samuel Perin, but he devoted his energies in later life to farming. By his first wife, nee Mary Edwards, to whom he was married January 21, 1845, he had two children: John, who resides in Cincinnati, and Lemuel, who died several years ago. Of the second family there were the following children: Rosa E., born March 12, 1854, is the widow of H. M. Edwards, and resides near Milford; George D., born November 5, 1856, died March 20, 1883; Artemas, born June 12, 1859, lives at Mt. Carmel, Hamilton county, Ohio; Harvey, the subject of this sketch, and Grace, born December 21, 1864, widow of William Donham, resides at Rossville, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Perin were members of the Universalist church of Mt. Carmel, and resided at Perintown.

Harvey Perin attended the common schools of his native county, supplementing his education by a short course at the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, remaining on the paternal farm until the death of his father. He was married September 6, 1893, to Miss Amelia C. Mellen, born December 19, 1864, in Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio, daughter of John and Eliza (Pompelly) Mellen, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Maine. They came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1838, and to Amelia in 1858, where Mr. Mellen was engaged as a shoe maker for many years, also serving as justice of the peace. Mr. Mellen was a Mason and Odd Fellow and both he and Mrs. Mellen were Methodists. Their five children were born in Clermont county, the three older ones at Milford and the other two at Amelia, viz.: William died at three years; Louisa, born in 1854, died in 1881; Olive, born in 1855, is deceased; John, born in 1859, and Amelia C., wife of our subject. Mr. Mellen was of a literary turn of mind and was the author of numerous short poems; his daughter, Mrs. Perin, inherits this talent to a marked degree and is a woman gifted with unusual natural ability.

The spring of 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Perin removed from his home place to Pierce township, to the Albert Butler farm, near Amelia, inherited by Mrs. Perin from her uncle and foster father, Albert Butler, whose wife was Louisa Pompelly. Mrs. Perin had resided at their home from early childhood. Mr. Butler died May 16, 1900, while his widow passed away Sep-





tember 10, 1910; both are buried at Lindale cemetery. This worthy couple were married in 1848 and first lived in a log cabin in the woods, enduring the hardships of the pioneers; Mrs. Butler bound shoes by hand and thus earned money to purchase a brass clock, now in possession of Mrs. Perin. Among other valued souvenirs Mrs. Perin has a scrap book compiled by her foster mother, which contains much valuable information regarding many noted persons, places, etc.

The home place of Mr. and Mrs. Perin embraces some ninety-two acres, besides twenty acres within the corporate limits of Amelia. Mr. Perin has modernized the home and it is one of the noticeable ones of the county. He was the first president of the Amelia bank and until recently resigned, was a director of the New Richmond National Bank.

Mr. Perin is a Republican; socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity and both he and Mrs. Perin belong to the Order of Eastern Star and to the Grange. Their religious affiliations are with the Universalist church of Mt. Carmel. Three children have blessed this union: Percy Dean, born on May 23, 1898, died October 27th of the same year; Louisa Butler, born April 9, 1900, and Rachel Day, born June 18, 1901, both attending school at Amelia.

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### SAMUEL PERIN.

Samuel Perin, father of the late Ira Perin, and grandfather of Harvey Perin, sketch of whom appears on other pages, was born in North Adams, Mass., February 23, 1785, and died April 3, 1865; his wife, Mary Perin, passed away December 7, 1851, both being buried at Perin's Mills, now called Perintown. They were married September 10, 1804, in New York, Mrs. Perin being a daughter of Ephraim Simpkins and a native of the Empire State, the date of her birth being September 26, 1787.

In 1805 they emigrated to Ohio, stopping first in Clermont county with Dr. Allison, who lived at East Liberty. Mr. Perin was suffering with a crippled leg and the doctor gave him the necessary professional and hospitable attention, in return for which Mr. Perin thoroughly overhauled the machinery of Dr. Allison's mill, reset the grinding stones and worked for him some time. In January, 1810, he bought from



Gen. James Taylor, of Newport, Ky., fifty acres of land on Stonelick, where he resided until 1815. He served in the War of 1812, as captain of a company of which William Glancy was first lieutenant.

In 1815, Samuel Perin removed to the present site of Perintown and erected a saw mill and a grist mill, the village which sprang up being called Perin's Mills for many years. In 1825-26 he built a distillery there, with old-fashioned copper still and hand made mashes. Perin's Mills was for twenty-five years the market of Clermont county and was the principal market for wheat, corn, barley, rye, hogs and general produce, embracing also Brown, Clinton, Warren and Hamilton counties. In addition, Mr. Perin conducted a large store at this point, buying his groceries at New Orleans, in exchange for mill and distillery products transported on his own flat boats; his dry goods were bought at Philadelphia and New York. He also operated large and very profitable branch stores at Milford and Fayetteville, thus employing a small army of clerks and assistants in the conduct of these varied and extensive enterprises. His son, Ira Perin, made frequent trips between Perin's Mills and New Orleans, selling flour and salt pork along the river. In 1849, he made a successful trip to California for gold.

Samuel Perin was county commissioner of Clermont from 1825 to 1830, serving with James Blackburn, David White and John Boggess, during which time the court house at Batavia was built. Mr. Perin had the plans drawn and to him is due the excellent acoustic properties of the building. In 1830, he was elected representative from Clermont and was a member of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly of Ohio, declining a reelection on account of his extensive private business interests. He operated the distillery until it burned down, in 1853; the grist mill was destroyed by fire in 1862.

Mr. Perin's nine children were all born in Clermont county, all now deceased; one daughter-in-law, widow of Lyman C., is living in Cincinnati.

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#### CALVIN D. FRIDMAN.

One of the most prominent of active factors in the substantial progress and development of Clermont county, Ohio, where for many years he has taken a deep and helpful interest





in all affairs and enterprises that tend to the betterment of the county of his nativity is Mr. Calvin D. Fridman, the genial mayor of New Richmond.

On the 27th of August, 1860, near Clermontville, at the family home of his father, the late Franklin Fridman, occurred the birth of Calvin D. Fridman. He grew to young manhood in the vicinity of his birthplace and attended the noted educational institution known as Parker's Academy, after which he graduated from Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and in 1883 began his life in the business world. He was first engaged in the lumber and coal business at Clermontville, where he remained for two years, after which he turned his entire attention to the lumber business at New Richmond. Since the death of his father, Mr. C. D. Fridman has held the position of president of the Fridman Lumber Company. He is also identified with the First National Bank of New Richmond, being one of its directors and was one of the incorporators of the Peoples' Building & Loan Association, of which he has been a director since its organization in 1905.

Mr. Calvin D. Fridman celebrated his marriage to Miss Bertha C. Weidinger in 1888, at New Richmond. She was born at Cincinnati, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weidinger, who came to New Richmond in 1865, where Mr. Weidinger was engaged in the bakery business until his death, which occurred in March, 1911, he being in his eightieth year. Mrs. Fridman's mother, who is seventy-seven years of age, survives. Her parents were natives of Germany and came to America when quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman have one daughter, Helen L., who is a graduate in elocution from the "Schuster School of Elocution and Dramatic Art," of Cincinnati.

Mr. Calvin D. Fridman is an active Democrat and has served on the council, also being interested in educational matters, he being a member of the school board for several years. He is well known in the Masonic fraternity, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. The home of Mr. Fridman is one of the first built in New Richmond, and was erected by one of the Light family in 1804.

While Mr. Fridman is leading an active life in business affairs, he yet finds time and opportunity to aid in the advancement of measures for general good, and is a public-spirited citizen.



## G. C. ANDERSON.

Among the men of Clermont county, Ohio, who have wrested a competence from agricultural pursuits is Mr. G. C. Anderson, who at the time of his marriage had practically no capital with which to establish a home of his own, but by diligence and persistence of both himself and his faithful wife has been successful far beyond the average. He at one time owned and operated a tract of some two hundred and seventy-six acres, still retaining one hundred and seven acres, part of which is in Hamilton county, Ohio, and the remainder in Clermont county, besides his fine remodeled home at Bantam, which he purchased in 1911.

Mr. Anderson was born on the Lee Hichs farm near Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, August 3, 1873, son of George Washington and Lydia Ann (Brown) Anderson. The father was born July 5, 1845, at Bethel and is living retired near Bantam. G. W. Anderson is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted at Bethel May 2, 1864, as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, September 10, 1864; re-enlisted January 19, 1865, at Bethel, Ohio, in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until discharged at Edgefield, Tenn., September 20, 1865. A brother of his, Benton Anderson, enlisted at Bethel, Ohio, in the Fifth Ohio volunteer cavalry and later re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. The Anderson family is one of the old ones of Clermont county and are originally of Irish descent. G. W. Anderson, the father of our subject, followed farming since the close of the war, until his retirement from active life. He was married September 8, 1866, to Lydia Ann Brown, who was born near Bethel, Ohio, March 8, 1846, and passed from this life July 10, 1897, her death caused by lightning. Her burial took place at the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Amelia. A brother of Mrs. Anderson, John Brown, served in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and another brother, William Brown, served in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. The latter died while at home on a furlough. G. W. Anderson and his wife were formerly Baptists, but he is now a member of the Methodist church. Six children were born to them:

William, residing in Montana, has served in the regular army.



Harry B. died August 21, 1891, at the age of twenty years.

G. C., the subject of this sketch.

Carrie, now Mrs. William Armstrong, of Norwood, Ohio.

Pearl W., the wife of Frank Kymell, of Zanesville, Ohio.

John Lee, who has served four years in the navy, being now on board the United States steamer Nebraska.

Mr. G. C. Anderson was educated at the Amelia High School, remaining on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he entered upon his business career as a farmer and rented land for himself.

On October 27, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Anderson to Miss Deliah E. Byfield, who was born at Madison, Ind., January 2, 1875, a daughter of Vincent Delos and Rebecca Turner (Johnson) Byfield, the former of whom was born at Akron, Ohio, October 28, 1839, and died November 1, 1911, at the Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind.. The latter was born in Harrison, Ohio, November 18, 1841, and passed away June 13, 1893, being buried beside her husband in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis. Mr. Byfield learned his trade of iron molder at Madison, Ind., but removed to Indianapolis, the home for many years. He enlisted August 19, 1862, serving three years in Company C, Sixty-seventh regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. He was a Republican and held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious belief he embraced that of the Methodist church. Mrs. Byfield was a devoted member of the Baptist church. To them were born two sons and four daughters:

Charles Howard, an architect of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Anderson, the wife of our subject.

Virgil died at the age of one year.

Helen Matilda, the wife of Harry Birdwell, of Indianapolis.

Hattie Bernie, of Indianapolis.

Florence Johnson, of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have had four children born to bless their union, all of whom are natives of Clermont county.

Harry Virgil was born March 19, 1899.

Leona Pearl, whose birth occurred October 28, 1901.

Grace Elizabeth was born September 9, 1904, on the Paul Moore farm.

An infant son, who was born April 3, 1911, on the Paul Moore farm, died April 3, 1911.

When Mr. and Mrs. Anderson began housekeeping it was in a four-room log cabin in Amelia, where they remained for





two years, and later Mr. Anderson operated the Paul Moore farm at Horse Shoe Bend, Elk Lick, the most noted farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres on a branch of the east fork of the Little Miami river, in Clermont county. This farm was owned at one time by Judge George G. Bambach and R. E. Head, and is at present owned by R. E. Head. Mr. Anderson went in debt one thousand dollars when he went on the Paul Moore farm, for implements necessary for the operating of such a large tract of land and his success dated from that time. He spent five years here and at the end of that time he removed to Bantam, where he purchased forty acres adjoining that village. For one year Mr. Anderson remained on this farm and has since made his home in Bantam, Ohio.

Mr. Anderson has always given his support to the Republican party and was elected as one of the first members of the board of education in Batavia township and served as clerk of the board of education for four years, resigning because of his removal from the township.

Fraternally, Mr. Anderson is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are consistent members of the Amelia Baptist church, being active in all affairs of that denomination.

Of late Mr. Anderson has been interested in the real estate business, in which he has met with a large measure of success. He is recognized as a man of ability and is an example of the sturdy business man and upright citizen and to such Clermont county owes its prestige. Mr. Anderson has sold out his home and real estate interests at Bantam, Ohio, and has purchased the Colonel Martin farm, known as the "Tally Hoo Stock Farm," near Bethel, Ohio, consisting of 187 acres, which constitute one of the best farms between Bethel and Williamsburg.

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### W. W. SHINKLE.

Bethel, Ohio, justly takes pride in including among its foremost citizens, Mr. W. W. Shinkle, who has taken a most active part in the promotion of all industrial enterprises that have benefitted the town and surrounding country. He conducts a thoroughly modern, up-to-date dairy, and has substantial



barns, tanks and necessary conveniences for the care of large quantities of milk and cream.

The birth of Mr. Shinkle occurred near Eden church, Brown county, November 10, 1866. His father, Christian Shinkle, was also a native of Brown county, having been born, February 24, 1833. He was a progressive farmer. In answer to his country's call for volunteers during the Civil war, Christian enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving throughout the war. He married Miss Sarah White, a native of Brown county, and to this union three children were born:

Emma J., married William Snider, of Cedron, Ohio.

John K., a resident of Covington, Ky.

W. W., of this mention.

Mrs. Sarah (White) Shinkle was born November 11, 1834, and passed away July 31, 1910, and her husband followed her May 10, 1911.

Mr. W. W. Shinkle received a limited education in the schools of Clermont county, and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage. On October 5, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Fithen, who was born February 16, 1869, at the Brown county infirmary, of which institution her father, David Fithen, was superintendent. David Fithen was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 4, 1832, and was married to Miss Mary Black on February 15, 1866. She was born in Brown county, Ohio, August 7, 1836, and died September 12, 1895. Of the four children born to them, all are deceased, except Mrs. W. W. Shinkle. Mr. Fithen died July 15, 1905. Wade Fithen, grandfather of Mrs. Shinkle, came from New Jersey to Jefferson county, Ohio, in the early days. He was a large land owner in New Jersey, Jersey City being built on a part of the land owned by him.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle first farmed in Williamsburg township, where they remained until February 29, 1904, when they removed to their present beautiful home in Tate township. This farm is known as the North Side Dairy Farm and consists of forty-four acres. They raise horses, cattle and hogs, carrying on general farming and dairy business. Their energy and thrift are rewarded by a goodly share of this world's goods and the pretty home shows the great pride they take in making their surroundings attractive.

Before her marriage to Mr. Shinkle, Mrs. Shinkle was the wife of Jacob Bier, who was born September 30, 1862, a son





of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Bier, natives of Brown county. Joseph Bier was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in the service. His wife died in Brown county in March, 1911. They were the parents of four children: John, is a resident of Cincinnati; William, of Georgetown, Ohio; George, and Jacob, who resided in Higginsport, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bier were blessed with one child, Mary Elizabeth, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, October 15, 1884. She married George P. Medary, of Williamsburg township, and they are the parents of four sons and one daughter: Estel R., Harold H., Hettie E., George R., and Charles O. Mr. Medary is a farmer and raiser of fine stock. He is successful in the business which he conducts along progressive lines.

In political views, Mr. Shinkle favors the principles of the Democratic party, and is a member of the school board. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. He is broad-minded and generous and has made for himself a name in the agricultural world.

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### E. B. SCOTT.

Among the leading business men of Clermont county, Ohio, is numbered Mr. E. B. Scott, the genial jeweler of Batavia, who by his honest and upright conduct has won the respect and esteem of the community where he has had residence for the past forty-five years. The firm operates under the name of E. B. Scott & Son.

Mr. Scott was born at Sugar Hill Ridge, Highland county, Ohio, May 3, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Burnett) Scott, who were both natives of Ohio, having been born at Rocky Ford Creek, Highland county. They were farmers and were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living:

Elizabeth, married Joshua Burnett, of Maquan, Ill.

E. B., the subject of this review.

William, resides at Gillson, Ill.

Mrs. Scott died when our subject was nearly three years of age.

The education of Mr. Scott was received in the common schools of Highland county, called the Burnett schools, where he lived with his uncle after the decease of his parents. At



the age of thirteen years, he went to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he learned the jeweler's trade with a Mr. Pratt.

At the beginning of the Civil war, Mr. Scott enlisted in Company K, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, that being the first company to leave Highland county. Later it consolidated with Company C, Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He served four years and five months in the Army of the Potomac, and was in the battles of Scary Creek, Bull Run, Antietam, and South Mountain, receiving a wound in the right shoulder at Cedar Creek, Va., which compelled him to spend eleven months in the hospital.

After the war was over, Mr. E. B. Scott located at Waverly, Ohio, and in 1866 opened a jewelry store, but remained there but one year, coming to Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1867. Here he opened a jewelry repair shop near where his present store is located. The business grew until he added all the lines to make a first class store, carrying a full line of clocks, watches, and all the things pertaining to the jeweler's business.

The most important event of his life occurred in December, 1871, when his marriage to Miss Helen Hay, who was born at Batavia, 1850, a daughter of David and Helen (Maxwell) Hay, both of whom were natives of Scotland, coming to this country at an early date. She was one of nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. Four are still living:

Elizabeth is the wife of Mr. Charles Hall, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Mary is the wife of John W. Lane, of West Hoboken, N. J. Belle, married Warren Brown, of St. Louis, Mo.

Helen, married E. B. Scott.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born three children:

Jean, died at the age of seven years and is buried in Batavia.

William, whose death occurred in his thirty-second year, was in business with his father until his death.

James B., who was born November 25, 1879, is in business with his father. He is a graduate of the Batavia High School, after which he took a course in the Cincinnati Business College. He was a stenographer in Cincinnati for three months after his graduation from the business college, but at the death of his brother, William, he came home to assist his father. He is also a graduate of the South Bend, Ind., College of Optics, in which science he is very skillful. He does the



testing and fitting of the glasses in the department of optical goods. He is township clerk of Batavia; is a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are attendants at the Methodist church, the latter being a member of the Woman's Club, State Federation, and of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges. Mr. Scott is a member of the Odd Fellows and is a progressive Republican, holding the office of postmaster under President Harrison, from 1880 to 1884. He has served on the school board for many years.

Mr. Scott is entirely a self-made man, having to rely on himself very early in life. He has established a fine business and owns a beautiful home at the corner of Sixth and Wood streets; also owning the store building in which he carries on his business. He is kind and generous to the poor and needy, giving of his means where he thinks it will give the greatest good. He stands for progressive business methods, conscientious living and is consequently honored and respected by all.

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### OLIVER P. CROSS.

The genial and highly esteemed postmaster of Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, Mr. Oliver P. Cross, was born near the village which is now his home, January 1, 1843. He is a representative of an old Clermont county family and should be mentioned in a work of this character. His father was Josiah Cross, who was born near Milford, Ohio, April 1, 1811, and passed away January 29, 1899, after having spent his entire life in the townships of Miami and Union, of this county. His occupation in life was that of farming, and in that line was most successful. He voted the Democratic ticket until 1856, when he became a Republican, serving his party in the capacity of township trustee. His wife, Rosannah (Day) Cross, was also a native of Clermont county, her birth occurring in 1816, and her death in 1897. In their family circle were six children, three of whom are deceased. The others are:

Elizabeth, who married Mark Davis, of Newtown, Ohio.

Oliver P., of this sketch.

Charles, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Oliver P. Cross pursued his education in the schools at Mt. Carmel, after which he went to Milford, Ohio, where





he learned the trade of harness maker. In February, 1864, he enlisted in the army of the Civil war, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving to the end of the war. After the war, Mr. Cross worked at his trade in Cincinnati and Wilmington for a time, and in 1869 returned to his native village, where he built his substantial home and work shop. These buildings are still in fine condition and he has the only harness shop in Mt. Carmel.

In December, 1869, Mr. Cross was united in marriage to Miss Anna R. Johnson, a daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth (Stump) Johnson, of Mt. Carmel. Her birth took place February 25, 1844. Her father was born at Mt. Washington, Ohio, in 1819, and died on March 29, 1895, his occupation being that of blacksmith. Her mother was born in Columbia, now Cincinnati, Ohio. They were of the Methodist faith and were active workers in the church. They were the parents of nine children, those living being:

Sarah, the widow of James Weaver, lives at Batavia, Ohio.  
Ella, is Mrs. William Hines, of Texas.

Anna, Mrs. Oliver Cross.

Mary, is the wife of Samuel Spurry, residents of Indiana.  
Thomas, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca, married a brother of the subject of this sketch.  
Myrtle, Mrs. Hayworth, resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They live in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have one son:

Herbert, who was born at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, December 30, 1873. He is a graduate of the Mt. Carmel High School and is a bookkeeper for the firm of Mock, Berman & Company, of Cincinnati.

In political views, Mr. Cross favors the Republican principles and has served his party in various capacities. He was appointed postmaster of Mt. Carmel, during President Harrison's administration, and has held the office since with the exception of the years of President Cleveland's administration, when he resigned in favor of a Democratic candidate. He also holds the office of notary public, and is a prominent Grand Army of the Republic man, belonging to the S. R. S. West Post at Milford, Ohio.

Mr. Cross has one brother, Eugene Cross, who was a soldier in the Civil war, while Mrs. Cross had two brothers, Walter and Frank Johnson, who were volunteers, the former being in the Seventieth, and the latter in the Thirty-ninth, Ohio volunteer infantry.



Mr. and Mrs. Cross are broad and liberal minded in their views on all questions, and have the respect and esteem of the entire community in which they live. Mr. Cross has always given the greatest satisfaction in his official capacity, and all think he is the right man in the right place.

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### DR. W. H. AIKEN.

Dr. W. H. Aiken, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Felicity, Ohio, is well known throughout the counties of Clermont and Brown, as an able and efficient physician and surgeon, who by years of experience has won the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Dr. Aiken was born at Madeira, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 7, 1855, and is a son of Thomas J. and Jemima Anna (Tingley) Aiken. Indian Hill, Madeira, Hamilton county, Ohio, was the birthplace of the parents of Dr. Aiken, the birth of the father occurring April 10, 1828, and the birth of the mother took place in 1833. A farmer by occupation, Thomas J. Aiken followed that pursuit practically all of his life, and in Hamilton county. His death took place in 1908, his wife having passed away in 1898. In their family were six children, five of whom are living:

Frank R. was a farmer of Clinton county, Ohio, and died in 1908.

Dr. W. H., the subject of this mention.

Elizabeth, who married Joshua Batterton, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio road, residing at West Loveland, Hamilton county, Ohio.

George C., a resident of Glendale.

T. E. resides on Indian Hill and is an employee of the Adams Express Company, at Cincinnati.

Clarence M., a druggist of Cincinnati, Ohio, resides at Madeira.

Dr. Aiken spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and had good school advantages, which enabled him to fit himself for his chosen profession. He attended the public schools of Madeira and in Clinton county, Ohio, and having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, entered the Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating from that institution in the class of 1884.





April 7, 1884, Dr. Aiken began the practice of medicine at Felicity, Ohio, and has continued in this profession from that time to the present. He enjoys a large patronage, which claims his close attention. From 1894 to 1900, Dr. Aiken was associated with Dr. Witham and Dr. Ashburn on the board of pension examiners.

In 1888, Dr. Aiken was united in marriage to Miss Anna H. Hodson, who was born in Westborough, Clinton county, Ohio, April 23, 1862, her parents being Simeon and Mary L. (Cunningham) Hodson, the father being born at Waverly, Ross county, Ohio, September 1, 1830, and died September 28, 1908. He was a farmer and also engaged in the commission business at the union stock yards, Cincinnati. The mother was born August 10, 1829, at Monroe, Ohio, and died December 16, 1904, and both are buried at Westborough, Ohio. They were the parents of six children, four of whom lived to reach maturity.

Florence H. is the wife of Dr. J. M. Austin, of Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Charles H., of San Diego, Cal.

Etta, who became the wife of Williamson Botts, of Wilmington, Ohio, died April 28, 1911, and is buried at Westborough, Ohio.

Anna, who is Mrs. Aiken.

Dr. and Mrs. Aiken have had one son to bless their union: Hurdes H., who was born August 20, 1891, is at home.

Mrs. Aiken is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Dr. Aiken is a member of the orders of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed all the chairs of both of these organizations.

In politics, Dr. Aiken favors the measures of the Democratic party and his popularity is evidenced by his nomination to the office of county auditor, to which he was elected by a large majority in November, 1912.

In religious matters, Dr. Aiken is of the Swedenborgian faith, while Mrs. Aiken was reared by her parents in the faith of the Society of Friends.

The life of Dr. Aiken has been a busy one, yet he has found time for many charitable deeds. His kindly spirit, genial disposition and honorable principles have greatly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated.



## O. F. RICE.

Mr. O. F. Rice, the genial general merchant of Felicity, may be termed one of the self-made men of Clermont county, Ohio, for by his ambition, great integrity and honest dealings, he has reached the ranks of the well-to-do men of his village. He was born in Felicity, Ohio, July 12, 1867, and his parents were J. W. and Amanda (Lanham) Rice.

Mr. J. W. Rice was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1838, and died in March, 1912. He was a stirrup maker early in life and later was a day laborer. He was a staunch Democrat and served as street commissioner in the corporation. He was a man of honorable character and industrious habits, considered one of the substantial citizens of Felicity.

Amanda (Lanham) Rice was born in Clermont county in 1835 and is now residing in Felicity. Notley Lanham, a brother, was a gallant soldier in the Civil war. Mrs. Rice became the mother of eight children, six of whom are now living:

Alice, died in infancy.

Lewis, a resident of Felicity.

Ada is the wife of Edward Melvin, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca married Joseph A. Donnelly, both of whom are deceased.

O. F., our subject.

Bertie is the wife of C. W. Ross.

Charles is a resident of Covington, Ky.

Kate is the wife of Walter Scherar, of Cincinnati.

Mr. O. F. Rice attended the public school of Felicity during the winter terms, leaving school in March of each year to engage in work on a farm, in this way assisting in the expenses of his education. For a period of two years, Mr. Rice was employed as a porter for Waterfield & Son, general merchants of Felicity. At this time he was promoted to a clerkship and in this capacity spent several years. He was also employed as clerk for M. Solomon and for W. G. Richey of Felicity. His next venture in the business world was for himself, when he opened a meat market, and in this business continued for one year, when he embarked in the grocery business in his present store room. In 1893, Mr. Rice, starting in on a larger scale, opened a general store in the same location on Main street. He has a splendid business and is well fitted for the occupation.

On January 1, 1890, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to



Miss Bird Phillips, who was born in Clermont county in 1874, and is a daughter of John D. and Sarah J. (Bredwell) Phillips, the former was born in Tate township, and is now deceased. He was a retired farmer for several years prior to his death. He was a Democrat and was trustee of Tate township for a number of years. His wife was also born in Clermont county and is a resident of Bethel. She is in her seventieth year and is the mother of five children, four of whom are living:

Granville resides near Mt. Orab, Brown county, Ohio.

Georgia is the wife of E. L. Fisher, of Clermont county.

Bird is Mrs. Rice.

Pet is the wife of P. C. Morehead, of Bethel.

Granville and George Phillips, uncles of Mrs. Rice, were soldiers in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio.

Mr. Rice is a Democrat in politics and has filled the responsible position of township treasurer, being appointed to the office. He possesses the genial manner and spirit of good fellowship necessary to a public life.

Mrs. Rice is a member of the Bethel Baptist church, but attends the Christian church. She is an active worker in the church and both Mr. and Mrs. Rice give liberally of their means to the support of the denomination.

Mr. Rice is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is active in all affairs of the order.

The business career of Mr. Rice was started with no resources other than his good habits, energy and pluck, which are capital enough for any young man. He has accumulated a reasonable amount of worldly possessions, being the owner of his pretty home and the store building in which he conducts his general store. The building is a three-story red brick, which was erected in 1857. The third floor is occupied as a lodge room for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Rice has been ably assisted by his wife and they have worked together toward the same goal, and they are now enjoying many of the comforts of life which they so well deserve.

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### AUGUSTUS F. KAYSER.

Augustus F. Kayser is accounted one of the foremost citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, where he is identified with various enterprises. He is well known as secretary of the Clermont Distilling & Mill Company, and as assistant cashier





of the State Bank of Moscow. He is a native of Moscow, born on the place where he now resides, October 19, 1867, son of Charles and Caroline (Jungling) Kayser. His parents and grandparents, who came to Ohio from Germany, are mentioned at considerable length elsewhere in these volumes, in connection with the sketch of Charles Kayser, president of both the companies with which his son, Augustus, is identified.

Mr. Kayser was educated in the public schools of his native place, and at once went to work for the milling company where he has since continued and has kept the books, being now treasurer and manager. The enterprise consists of a saw and planing mill and the manufacture of fruit brandy. They handle ice, and fruit brandy is sent in large quantities throughout Kentucky and other parts of the South. They have a local trade in lumber and a good business in custom sawing. They have built up their present large enterprise little by little, which is one of the most important enterprises in the county. Mr. Kayser is a Democrat in politics and is serving his third term as township treasurer, in which office he has given good satisfaction. He formerly served three years as township clerk and has been a member of the Moscow school board for the past fifteen years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Eastern Star and Daughters of America. He is permanent secretary of the Odd Fellows, secretary of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, master of finance of the Knights of Pythias, financial secretary of the Odd Fellows, and encampment, and trustee of the Masonic lodge. He is an attendant and trustee of the Methodist church, a large contributor and interested in all its good work.

On December 10, 1890, Mr. Kayser married Miss Effie M. Howard, daughter of Abner and Mary A. (Stephenson) Howard, born near Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, January 12, 1864. Mr. Howard was born in Brown county July 11, 1834, and for the last thirty years before his death lived in Washington township, Clermont county. He was a Democrat in politics, and died November 9, 1900, aged sixty-six years, two months and twenty-eight days. He is buried in Calvary cemetery. Mrs. Howard, also a native of Brown county, was born in 1836 and lives with her children in Cincinnati. Ten children were born to this couple: Charles A. married Miss Annie Bolender and they live in Felicity; Marion S. married Ellie



Cashman, of Kansas, and died in June, 1893, being buried in Spokane, Wash.; Robert G. married Miss Lina Clark, died June 7, 1902, and is buried in Mount Zion cemetery; Mrs. Kayser; James M., born January 5, 1867, married Miss Katie Cavanaugh, of Goshen, Ohio, and they live at New Richmond; Ada J., wife of B. F. Cushard, of Moscow, he being a brick mason; Mary C., wife of August London, of Kansas City, Mo.; Zella G., unmarried, taught ten years in Clermont county and five years in the public schools of St. Bernard, Ohio; John C., unmarried is superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, Ohio; Vincent F. died July 25, 1904, and is buried in Calvary cemetery. All these children except the two youngest were born in Brown county. The parents and all the daughters and one son, Marion S., became members of the Methodist church. Marion, James, Robert and Zella all taught school in Clermont county, and Marion graduated in pharmacy from Lewisburg, Kan., College of Pharmacy. Mrs. Howard is very active for a woman of her years and has a wonderful memory. She is cheerful and pleasant in manner and has many friends. Her youngest son, Vincent, was killed by a horse knocking him down and a load of hay passing over him, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, which was a great shock and sorrow to the aged mother, from which it is hard for her to recover.

Mrs. Kayser is a member of the Eastern Star, also of the Daughters of America, and is active in both orders. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also her three sons. She has been a valuable helpmeet for her husband and both enjoy universal esteem, counting their friends by the score. Mr. Kayser is well known for a conscientious, thoughtful man in all ways, and is actuated by good principles. He is broad and liberal in his ideas and well qualified for the many positions of trust which he holds. They have three children, all born in Moscow: Elmer H., born February 12, 1893, a graduate of the Moscow High School, is taking a scientific agricultural course in the State University; Charles Frederick, born December 12, 1897, attends the Moscow High School; Abner Merrill, born April 27, 1900, attending grammar school. Mr. Kayser lives in the old home, which his father built the year after the close of the Civil war, on the Ohio river pike.

Christian Kayser, an uncle of A. F. Kayser, served in the





Civil war from Ohio, and his brother, father of A. F. Kayser, served as sergeant of Company M, Fourth Ohio cavalry, serving three years. An uncle of Mrs. Kayser, Dr. Amsey Stephenson, also served in the war.

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### THOMAS J. MOYER.

Thomas J. Moyer and wife are among the most highly respected residents of Clermont county, and belong to old families in that region. He is a gentleman of the old school, courtly in manner and kind of heart, and she is known for her good deeds and motherly feeling for the younger people of the community, who have great affection for her. Mr. Moyer is greatly respected as a veteran of the Civil war, and before retiring from active life was also a farmer and veterinary surgeon. He was born in Clermont county, in March, 1841, son of Philip and Mary (Moorehead) Moyer. Philip Moyer was born in Germany, in 1811, and came with his father, Jacob Moyer, and his four paternal uncles to America, settling in Pennsylvania. This was over one hundred years ago, and those five brothers settled in Franklin township, near Felicity, Ohio, becoming prosperous farmers. Philip Moyer was reared near Felicity, and as a young man became a farmer and blacksmith. In 1842-43 he entered land in Shelby county, Illinois, and there carried on farming and worked at his trade until his death, in 1845, being buried in Illinois. His wife, who was born in Clermont county, in 1809, died in 1857, and was buried near her birthplace. There were three children in their family; of whom Thomas J. is the only survivor. One son, Philip, went to Kansas in young manhood and died there some ten years since. He was born in 1845. Mrs. Moyer married (second) Henry Demaris and they had four children, of whom one son, James Demaris, is a farmer near Chilo.

Mr. Moyer was educated in the public schools of Felicity and assisted his stepfather on the farm until he was twenty years old, when he removed to Illinois, and there carried on farming and practiced veterinary surgery in Shelby county, where he remained for a period of nineteen years. He was successful as an agriculturist and his services became in demand for veterinary practice. In the fall of 1879 he located in Moscow, Clermont county, Ohio, where he practiced his profession. He also engaged in farming in the vicinity.



In May, 1862, Mr. Moyer enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was mustered out in 1864. He participated in the battles of Cedar Creek, Harper's Ferry, Georgetown and others. He won a good record as a soldier and performed every duty which came to him in this connection.

In 1859 Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Brown, who was born in Muskingum, Ohio, in 1841, daughter of Michael Brown, a native of Ohio and a colonel in the Mexican war. There were three children in the Brown family, all of whom are deceased. Mrs. Moyer died in Ohio, in 1879, and is buried in Clermont county. She left six children, all of whom survive, as follows: James, Mary L., Alice, Annie, William and Lulu.

James, the eldest son of Thomas J. Moyer and wife, was born in Shelby county, Illinois, and now resides in Nebraska. He married Myrtle Hickox and they have ten children, all born in Nebraska, among whom are Lula, who married Harry Harris and lives in Nebraska, Alva, Bessie, Enos, Anita, Kern, Elsie and Margaret.

Mary L., the second child, was born in Illinois. She married Thomas Snead and they live at Neville and have a son, Clarence.

Alice, the third child, was born in Illinois. She married Samuel McFarland, lives in Kansas and has had ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Lawrence, Lulu, Sarah, Joseph, Thomas, Clifford.

Annie, the fourth child, was born in Illinois. She married Volly Schofield, lives in Kansas and they have three children, namely: Roy, Alice, and the youngest.

William, the fifth child, was born in Illinois and is married. He lives in St. Louis, Mo., where he is employed as a shipping clerk for a lime and cement factory.

Lulu, the sixth child, was born in Missouri and is the wife of Charles Whitford, of Moscow, Ohio. They have three children: Otto, Ritchull and Mary Alice.

In 1881, Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Pribble, a native of Clermont county, born in 1839, daughter of Nathaniel and Melinda (Jones) Chapman, both also born there. Both are deceased, she having died before her husband and he having passed away some twenty years ago. They lived near Felicity, were farmers and had twelve



children, of whom we are able to give the following account: John Chapman lives at Higginsport, Ohio; Rachel, widow of John Collier, of Cincinnati; Susan, wife of Austin Miller, lives at Truesville, Ky.; Thomas lives near Utopia.

By her first marriage Mrs. Moyer had six children, namely: Jennie, at home with her mother; Mary is the wife of Lawson Hayden, of Felicity; Nora died at the age of fourteen years and is buried near Felicity; Nathaniel married Miss Eleanor Hickox; Ellie died at the age of ten years and is buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery near Felicity; Albert died when about two years old. Mrs. Moyer's grandfather, Nathaniel Chapman, came from Pennsylvania to Clermont county about the same time the Moyers came, and they lived on neighboring farms. The region was a wilderness and they cleared and improved their farms, made their own knives and forks, boiled down maple sap for sugar, and followed the lives of pioneers. Mrs. Moyer's father, Nathaniel Chapman, died in 1872 and was buried near Felicity, and his wife, who died in 1864, was also buried there. They had twelve children, all born in Clermont county, of whom six now survive: Mary died in 1865 the wife of Thomas Campbell, of Clermont county; Abraham lives in Ripley, Ohio; William, of Levanna, Ohio; Mrs. Moyer; Sarah, who married James Dunham, of Levanna, died in February, 1912; Katherine, who married Jefferson Flaughner, died about five years ago; Matilda, wife of George Vermillion, died soon after the war; Nelson went West and has not been heard from by the family for twenty-five years; Nathaniel lives near Felicity; Hattie, wife of William Hick, lives at Levanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are devout members of the Christian church and he is one of the trustees. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a Democrat. He served some years as deputy sheriff under Henry Speidel and for eight years was constable of Washington township. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows. Mr. Moyer owns thirty acres of good farm land on the New Richmond pike.

Mrs. Moyer's grandfather, William Jones, was an orderly sergeant in the Mexican war, and her cousins, Samuel and Abraham Chapman, served in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Mrs. Moyer's brothers, Abraham and William, also served in the Civil war, the former in the Fifty-ninth regiment and the latter from Brown county, Ohio.





## CHARLES KAYSER.

Charles Kayser, one of the old substantial business men of Clermont county, and well known as president of the Clermont Distilling Company and the president of the Moscow State Bank, is a self-made man and has won his present position and success through untiring energy and industry. He has the respect of his fellow townsman and his keen business sense is well recognized. He is a native of Hornberg, Baden, Germany, born June 21, 1842, son of Frederick and Rosina (Stortz) Kayser, natives of the same place. His father was born in 1807 and his mother was born in 1808 and died November 9, 1888, and both are buried in Moscow cemetery. They brought their family to America, in 1850, and first located in Newtown, Ohio. Later cow, where the father was a cooper until his death. They had five children, all born in Germany, of whom two now survive: Frederick, born in 1841, died in 1861; Charles; Rosina, wife of Charles Baumann; Christian, served eleven months in the Union army from Ohio and is now connected with the Lion brewery in Cincinnati; Augustus died in 1910 and his family resides in Cincinnati.

Mr. Kayser began his education in Cincinnati and continued it at New Richmond, and his first work was in the cooper shop kept by his father, where he learned the trade and remained until he was eighteen years of age. He then worked in Cincinnati until 1862, when he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Ohio volunteer cavalry, for three years, participating in the battles of Murfreesboro, Atlanta, Nashville and Macon, taking part in a raid at the latter place. He returned to Ohio and worked one year for his brother-in-law at New Richmond. In 1866 he started a brewery in Moscow, conducted it two or three years then started distilling fruit brandy. He owned a plant in Moscow and added a lumber mill, in 1886, for local trade and custom sawing. He built his distillery in 1876. He also deals in ice. He has been active in various other local business enterprises and was elected president of the bank in 1904, through the general confidence in his integrity and probity. His name is an asset to the institution and he directs its affairs with discretion and good judgment. He is a Democrat in politics and has been township trustee several years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen.



On December 6, 1866, Mr. Kayser married Miss Caroline Juengling, who was born in Germany, August 4, 1845, and came to America as an infant. She is a daughter of Jacob and Christiana (Hertzer) Juengling, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, he born March 1, 1810, and she September 10, 1816. They came to America in 1846, locating a mile from Point Pleasant, Ohio, where they carried on farming until the death of Mr. Juengling, in 1884. The mother died in 1876 and was buried in Moscow cemetery. They had eight daughters and one son, naniely: Katherine, widow of Philip Weber, of Cincinnati; Dorothy widow of Joseph Pingel, lives near Point Pleasant; Louise, deceased, was the wife of John Greenwald and lived in Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Kayser; John, on the old home place; Christina, widow of John Greenwald; Mary, wife of John Glaser, of Moscow, and Matilda, deceased, were twins; Pauline, unmarried, lives on the home place at Point Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Kayser have five children, all born at Moscow: Augustus F., a sketch of whom also appears in this history, lives in Moscow; Rose, wife of Stanley Fenwick, of Seattle, Wash.; Tillie, wife of A. E. Buchanan, on part of her father's farm, and they have four daughters—Helen, Vera, Catherine and Margaret; Charles married Miss Ida Weber and they live in Cincinnati; Mary, wife George P. Lakin, a ranchman, of Revere, Wash. In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Kayser came to live in their present home in the eastern suburbs of Moscow, where they have seventy-nine or eighty acres of land and a well improved house. They are members of the Lutheran church, of New Richmond, and active in its work. They are well known in Moscow, where they have many friends. They have reared a fine family and worked hard for their start in life.

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#### LEVI JARMAN (Deceased).

Although Levi Jarman died a quarter of a century ago, he is well remembered by many residents of Clermont county. He was a self-made man, successful in his life work, and held the highest principles of honor. He stood for all that was best in the conduct of local affairs, and was a man of broad sympathies and kindly nature. He was born near Neville, Clermont county, October 21, 1838, son of Azariah and Martha (Kelsey) Jarman, and belonged to an old family in the region.





His father was born in Philadelphia, March 21, 1793, and died June 17, 1879; and his mother, born near Cleves, Hamilton county, Ohio, February 6, 1802, died June 27, 1846. The father was a glass blower and blacksmith and came to Ohio at an early day and located at Moscow, Clermont county, for a short time. He was married, November 16, 1823, and soon afterward located on a farm near Neville. He had nine children, all deceased except one: Harriet married Harvey Wood, lived near Neville, and died February 27, 1845, her husband also being dead; John lived near Neville and died October 4, 1910; William lived near Neville, but died November 24, 1850; Elizabeth is the widow of William Hughes, of Adams county, Ohio, and is mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of Dr. William J. Hughes, of Moscow, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Mary married James Snyder, lived in Ripley, Ohio, and died July 20, 1869; Benjamin died at the age of twenty years; Levi, whose name stands at the head of this biography; George married Miss Alice Rose, died October 19, 1879, and is given a sketch in this publication; Hannah, died in infancy, March 3, 1846.

Levi Jarman was educated in the Neville public schools and remained at home with his parents until 1867. On September 23d of that year he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Belle McClain, who was born near Chilo, Clermont county, November 12, 1848, daughter of Jesse and Eleanor R. (Sargent) McClain. Mr. McClain was born in Virginia and died in 1891, and Mrs. McClain was born in the same place as her daughter (Mrs. Jarman) and died January 20, 1907. Part of the house where Mrs. Jarman was born was erected before Ohio became a State, being put up by her great-grandfather, who came from Maryland. The grandfather, James Sargent, was a member of the first constitutional convention of Ohio and a member of the State legislature when the capital was at Chillicothe. They were among the oldest families in the State and James Sargent and his wife gave part of their farm to the county, where they are buried. The McClain family also was prominent in Clermont county. Jesse McClain and wife had four children, viz.: Mrs. Jarman; Edward S., unmarried, living on the old home farm; Mary, wife of Frank Kehoe, of Portsmouth, Ohio; Eeanor died in 1891, and is buried beside her father in Woods cemetery. Mrs. McClain was a Methodist.



After marriage Mr. Jarman located on the farm where his widow now resides in Washington township, which contains one hundred and fifty-three acres of choice farm land. He became a general farmer, made many improvements on his place and put up a good tenant house. He was a Republican in politics and took an active interest in public affairs, but did not care to hold office himself. Mrs. Jarman belongs to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Jarman passed away February 7, 1889, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' portion of Vesper cemetery, near Neville. Mr. and Mrs. Jarman had six children, all born in Clermont county:

Mary, wife of Fee Naylor, lives near Batavia and they have one son, Jarman.

Edward died at the age of seven months.

Eleanor attended school at Portsmouth and Delaware, Ohio, and is at home with her mother.

Margaret attended the Moscow High School and is now at home.

Clara, wife of Thomas Jefferson Davis, of Duquesne, Pa., has three sons, Frank Reynolds, William Jarman and Thomas Jefferson.

Frank, on the home farm.

The daughters are members of the Order of Eastern Star. The family have a beautiful home just across the creek from Moscow, in Washington township, and they are among the most prominent people of Moscow.

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### HENRY D. HAHN.

Henry D. Hahn belongs to one of Ohio's very old families and is very well known in Clermont county, where he has resided many years. He is a veteran of the Civil war and for some years past has been retired from business life. Mr. Hahn is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born June 28, 1845, son of John and Nancy (Martin) Hahn, the former a Mexican war soldier, and later a plasterer and brick mason by trade. John Hahn was a son of Samuel and Hetty Jane Hahn, who were among the oldest residents of Hamilton county, where they located about 1775. At that time there was a fort between Mount Washington and Cherry Grove, and when the



Indians were making raids on the settlers the latter took refuge in this fort until the danger was past. At one time the Indians fired the fort, but rain began to fall and saved the fort and the lives of the occupants. They endured all the hardships and privations of a pioneer existence and became prominent in the affairs of the community. They came to Ohio from Pennsylvania.

John Hahn died soon after the close of the Mexican war and his wife, a native of Hamilton county, born in 1812, died in 1859. Her parents were also very early settlers of Hamilton county, coming from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn had nine children, all born in Hamilton county, and all deceased except Henry D.

Mr. Hahn finished his education in Mount Washington Academy, and in 1861, when he was about seventeen years old, he enlisted in December, 1861, from Hamilton county, in Company D, Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until honorably discharged, in February, 1863. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and numerous skirmishes, including one at Corinth. He contracted a disease at Memphis, Tenn., on account of which he was discharged. Returning to Hamilton county, he remained at the home of an uncle, John H. Gerard, near Mt. Washington, for a short time, finally locating at Neville, Ohio, in August, 1863. For a number of years he worked as clerk for Daniel McMillan, then worked for John Prather, another merchant, after which he engaged in farming in Washington township, Clermont county. He followed farming until 1881, then built his home in Neville, which he has occupied ever since. He has been successful in his various enterprises and is a self-made man, energetic, upright and genial. He retired from active life some years ago and is now enjoying the fruit of his earlier years of toil. He is a Republican and much interested in politics, though he has never aspired to office. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and well known in the organization.

On February 6, 1870, Mr. Hahn married Miss Sarah McMath, born in Neville in 1848, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Clark) McMath. Mr. McMath was born in Pennsylvania September 25, 1812, and died in 1907, and his wife was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in 1817, and died in March, 1889, both being buried in Vester cemetery at Neville. Mr. McMath





was a merchant in Neville and later engaged in buying tobacco, being the pioneer tobacco buyer of the county. He was one of the best known men in the vicinity and held in high esteem by all. He was a Republican in politics. He and his wife had seven children, all born in Neville: Mary, wife of William Rust, and both she and her husband are deceased, having spent their married life in Neville; Hannah, widow of J. W. Webb, of Vanceburg, Ky.; Nancy married A. R. Brown, of Manchester, Ohio, lived in Chilo for years, and is now deceased; Jane, widow of William Drake, lives at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Mrs. Henry D. Hahn; Lysle, wife of M. C. Garrett, of Walnut Hills; Charles lives in Neville. At the time Mr. McMath came to Neville, in 1818, there were very few houses there, and he was one of the earliest settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn are devout members of the Methodist church. He is one of the trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school, and she is a teacher in the Sunday school and a steward. Both are enthusiastic members of the Epworth league. They have many friends and are in demand for various social functions, as well as church activities. A cousin of Mrs. Hahn, William Hobbs, participated in the Civil war, as well as an uncle, John McMath. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn appreciate the part taken by their parents and grandparents in the early development of the State of Ohio, and are worthy representatives of their families. Mrs. Hahn is a charming woman and their father spent eighteen years in the lovely Hahn residence in Neville.

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### WILLIAM A. SHINKLE.

William A. Shinkle is one of the most successful general farmers in Franklin township, Clermont county, and has won success through his own efforts, being a self-made man. He is a native of Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, born July 4, 1855, and is a son of Isaac and Maria Jane (Lamberts) Shinkle. The father was born at Shingles Ridge, Brown county, in 1827, and died in 1905, and the mother, born in the same place as the father, in 1829, died in 1899. Both parents are buried in Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a Republican in politics and a substantial citizen. He and his wife



had ten children, all except one born in Brown county, and all except one now surviving: Lewis, of Chicago; William A., of this sketch; Ida, wife of Walter Jennings, living near Cynthiana, Ky.; Minnie married Scott Beach and died, leaving one son, Isaac Earl, of Chicago; Abbie Lee, wife of John Yeardsley, of Cynthiana, Ky.; Isaac N., of New Bethel; Jemimah, wife of Andy Dean, lives in Bethel, Ohio, and they have one child; Letitia, wife of Ed. Wilson, of New Bethel; George, of Denver, Colo., and Fannie, wife of Charles George, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Shinkle received his education in the public schools of Brown county and remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years old. He has always carried on farming and is progressive in his ideas and methods. He was married on December 5, 1878, to Miss Anna Gill, born in Brown county, Ohio, May 3, 1859, daughter of J. M. and Sarah (Buckner) Gill. Her father was born in 1823 and died in November, 1908, and the mother was born October 16, 1825, and died in 1902, both natives of New Brookville, Ky., and both buried in Ripley, Ohio. Mr. Gill was a Republican in politics, and a farmer and trader by occupation. He moved to Brown county in 1857-58 and there spent the remainder of his life. He had nine children, of whom six now survive: Lucy, wife of Benjamin Craig, of Augusta, Ky., died in 1898; Addie B., wife of J. E. Mefferd, of Lexington, Ky.; S. Belle, wife of William J. Mertin, of Sharon, Ky.; Anna M., Mrs. Shinkle; William W., of Ripley; Minerva, wife of John Day, lives near Ripley.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle located on a farm in Bracken county, Kentucky, where they lived for fifteen years. They then removed to Lexington, Fayette county, Kentucky, in the Blue Grass region, where they lived fifteen years. They located in Chilo, Clermont county, in February, 1910, and there have forty-nine acres of good farming land. Philip Buckner, great-grandfather of Mrs. Shinkle, was one of the first settlers of New Augusta, and was the first governor of Kentucky. He owned many hundreds of acres of land, all of Bracken county, and often sold ten acres or more of it at a time for almost nothing. Mr. Shinkle is a Republican in politics and he and his wife belong to the Baptist church. They have four children, all born in Bracken county, Kentucky:

Wilbur G., born October 18, 1879, is employed by a railroad company and lives in Northern Ohio.





W. Francis, born July 22, 1881, married December 24, 1912, Miss Lolo L. Denniston, daughter of Henry W. Denniston, of near Chilo, Ohio, and they are living near Chilo.

Archie E., born October 8, 1883, married Miss Lilly Wagner, lives near Midway, Ky., and they have one son, Earl.

Jennie May, born April 14, 1887, married George Popham, lives in Lexington, Ky., and they have two sons, Charles Frank and Edward G.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle are pleasant neighbors and have many friends in the community. They are much respected and are known to be hard working and industrious. Mrs. Shinkle's brother-in-law, Benjamin Craig, served through the Civil war. Francis Shinkle was in Fort Thomas three years.

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#### ELDA W. HOWE.

Mr. E. W. Howe, a dealer in general merchandise and manager of the Chilo Fuel Company, is one of the leading citizens of Chilo, Clermont county, and is popular wherever known. He is upright and reliable and is an enterprising, careful merchant, watchful of the interests of his customers. He is well known for his broad views and cheerful, obliging manner, which makes friends for him wherever he goes. He is a native of Chilo, born March 27, 1870, son of Henry and Carrie (Foster) Howe. The father, also a native of Chilo, was born February 23, 1846, and the mother, who was born in Germany, came with her parents to Glendale, Ohio, at the age of eight years. Both her parents died on the old home place near Chilo. The father served in the Civil war in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, being wounded at the battle of Stone River. He served about four years in the army and won a creditable record. He and his wife had three children, all born in Chilo: E. W., of this sketch; Clara, wife of Charles Hendrickson, of Hurlington, Clermont county; E. F., who makes his home with his parents, travels for J. Henry Koenig Company, of Cincinnati.

After completing the course offered by the public schools of Chilo, E. W. Howe attended Nelson's Business College, of Cincinnati, and his first work afterwards was in the capacity of clerk in the old Indiana House, in that city, where he remained one year. He then took a position in the employ of



J. Wilder, of Cincinnati, in whose interests he traveled seven years. During this time he made his home at New Richmond for a few years, and in 1897 came to Chilo and opened up a general merchandise establishment in Chilo, which enterprise has been very successful. He has also been postmaster in the village since July 17, 1899, and is a prominent figure in general affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and United Commercial Travelers.

On September 24, 1890, Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Miss Anna Hall, who was born near Chilo, October 9, 1871, daughter of William and Harriet (Sargent) Hall, natives of Chilo, the father born in 1840 and the mother in 1842. They were farmers, but now reside in Chilo. Mr. Sargent and his wife belong to old families of the region and he served in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He and his wife had six children, all born near Chilo: George and William, of Chilo; Lena, wife of Matthew Spurlock, of Cincinnati, died in 1897; Mrs. Howe; Etta, wife of Charles Wrigglesworth, living near Chilo; Florence died at the age of six years.

Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Howe, namely: Elsie M., born at New Richmond, August 14, 1892, at home; Mabel L., born in Chilo, October 18, 1894, attending school; Viola B., born February 9, 1897, at Chilo, also in school; Hurdes H., born at Chilo, February 18, 1899; Harold T., born July 10, 1904.

Mr. Howe erected his present substantial store in 1900 and has a beautiful home, modern in every respect, and the finest in the city, located on Washington and Hamilton streets, which was built in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Howe belong to the first families of the region. His grandfather, who came from a family of blacksmiths, followed the same trade, and came to Chilo, where he was one of the earliest settlers, from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Howe's grandfather was also one of the first settlers of Chilo.

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#### CHARLES W. STRATTON.

Charles W. Stratton, a retired carpenter and a veteran of the Civil war, lives in one of the oldest places in the village of Neville, Clermont county, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the county. He was born in the village, June 12,



1846, son of Aaron and Mary (Thomas) Stratton. His father was born in New Jersey, December 25, 1810, and came to Clermont county in 1823, settling in Neville, where he and his father, John Stratton, cleared land for a home. The father served in Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was wounded at Pittsburg Landing. The mother was born along the Wabash river in Indiana, in 1823, and died in 1858. The father died in 1882 and both parents were buried in Neville cemetery. They had seven children, all born in Neville, but two of whom now survive: Charles W., of this sketch, and Rebecca, widow of Daniel Loyd, of New Jersey.

Mr. Stratton was educated in the public schools of his native village and there grew to manhood. His father was in business there for many years, ran the ferry and had a cooperage and grocery business combined. He sold the ferry in 1857 and in 1862 sold the cooperage business. After leaving school Charles W. Stratton worked away from home, first in a still-house, and in 1860 learned the trade of cooper, which he followed until 1904, when he retired from active life. He has been a lifelong resident of Neville and has done considerable carpenter work. He erected several houses in the village and also did considerable repairing and contract work. He worked some time as a journeyman in Kentucky and was a good workman in every way.

In 1863, Mr. Stratton enlisted in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and remained seven months in service. In 1864 he enlisted a second time, in Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the battle of Winchester. He had a good record and performed well the duties that came to him.

Mr. Stratton is a Republican in politics and has held some of the town offices of Neville, having served as marshal and road commissioner, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He is honest and upright, largely a self-made man, and one of the jolliest men in the neighborhood. He has a large number of friends and is much respected as a public-spirited citizen. He and his wife are intelligent and progressive and are active in many circles. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Stratton has a queer-shaped ax that he dug up, which he believes to have been made by the Indians.





On December 1, 1867, Mr. Stratton was united in marriage with Miss Elmira Camery, born in Moscow, Ohio, in 1844, daughter of John and Mary (Redmond) Camery, the father being a native of Pennsylvania. Her mother died some fourteen or fifteen years ago and her father some thirty years ago. They had nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Lewis lived in Kentucky and died there; William, of Neville; Elmira, Mrs. Stratton; Jacob, of Cincinnati; John, of Neville; Samuel, of Cleves; Nettie, wife of John Singer, of Hamilton; Melissa, of Dayton; Mary, deceased, was the wife of George Farlay. Mrs. Stratton died September 16, 1902, leaving three children, all born in Neville: Jesse A., born January 29, 1869, married Laura Philips. They live at Newport, Ky.; Maude, wife of Robert Devine, died January 27, 1892, leaving one son, Terrence, who runs a Government boat and lives with his grandfather, who reared and adopted him; Carrie B., widow of Edward Donovan, lived in Foster, Ky., and they had six children—Helen (deceased), Hazel, Elmira, Myrtle May, Jessie and Grace. After the death of her husband Mrs. Donovan later became the wife of Frederick Hancock and they reside near Cedar Grove, Ind. Mrs. Stratton was buried in Neville cemetery.

On August 13, 1903, Mr. Stratton was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Carr, born near Neville, November 4, 1864, daughter of James and Melvina (Howell) Carr. Mr. Carr was born above Moscow, February 25, 1817, and died October 12, 1893, and Mrs. Carr was born near Neville, July 16, 1832, and died July 21, 1908, both being buried at Moscow cemetery. Both the Howells and Carrs were among the earliest settlers of their part of the county and had to clear land for their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Carr had five children, all born near Neville, namely: Elizabeth, Mrs. Stratton, was a teacher and before her marriage taught in Bracken and Pendleton counties, Kentucky, and one year in Tennessee; John is a street car conductor in Dayton; Kilby is a motor-man of Dayton; Samuel is a coroner's constable and is in the insurance business in Dayton; Ella taught one year in Neville public school, died July 20, 1894, at the age of twenty-one years and is buried near Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Carr were both members of the Methodist church and were highly respected members of their community. Mrs. Stratton also belongs to the Methodist church and to the Daughters of America.



Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have lived in their present home on Main street since November, 1904, and they have many friends. Both are natives of the county and well known, being members of old and substantial families. Four half-brothers of Mrs. Stratton—Alonzo, Greenberry, William, and Barton—served in the Civil war, the first three in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry and the last named in the navy, all being from Clermont county. Barton was taken prisoner and was incarcerated for seven months in Andersonville prison. A half-brother of Mr. Stratton, Theodore Stratton, served in Company H, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry. Andrew Jackson McGuire, a brother-in-law, served in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was killed in the battle of Winchester, 1864.

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### THOMAS J. HOUSER.

Probably no man in Clermont county worked harder to gain a start in life on his own account, and none are held in higher respect by his neighbors and associates. By the help of his noble wife he has been able to reach comfortable circumstances and become the owner of a nice farm. He is a substantial citizen and wide awake to the best interests of the community and county. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 4, 1860, son of William and Sarah (Love) Houser, also natives of that county. William Houser was born June 27, 1827, and died May 13, 1864, and his wife was born December 2, 1832, and died November 26, 1875. Both buried in Hoovers cemetery. The father was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in Brown county. There were six children born to him and his wife: Alexander and Martin, of Brown county; Emma, wife of William Carter, of Brown county; Anna married Harvey Lanham and died about 1890; Thomas; Addie married Lewis Rice and they live in Cincinnati.

Mr. Houser was educated in the public schools near his father's home and remained on the farm until his mother's death. Being left an orphan at the age of fifteen years, he worked by the month for the next seven years at farm work, and, in 1883, was married and located on a farm near Georgetown. A year later he and his wife moved on a farm near





Ripley, where they remained three years, then returned to the neighborhood of Georgetown. In 1890 they became residents of Washington township, Clermont county, where they purchased ninety-four and one-half acres of good farm land. They own another farm of one hundred and seven acres close by and both are in a high state of cultivation. The house has been improved, new barns have been erected and the place put into first-class condition. Mr. Houser carries on general farming and pays considerable attention to stock raising. He raises considerable tobacco and finds this a paying industry. He began operations in a small way and has prospered by dint of industry and perseverance.

January 31, 1883, Mr. Houser was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Jennings, a native of Brown county, born September 15, 1855, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Carter) Jennings, also reared in that county. Mr. Jennings was born in Sussex county, Delaware, in 1831, and died in 1900, and Mrs. Jennings was born February 24, 1831, in Brown county, Ohio, and died February 1, 1908, both being buried in Brown county. Mr. Jennings came to Brown county when he was four years of age with his father, who was a farmer. He was drafted for service in the Civil war, but hired a substitute. He and his wife had the following ten children, all born in Brown county: Mrs. Houser; Martin, Grafton and Levi, of Higginsport, Brown county; Luella, wife of Alva Bolander, of Brown county; George, also of Brown county; Elizabeth, wife of James Ware, of Augusta, Ky.; Adeline, wife of Charles Shinkle, of Brown county; James and John, of Brown county. Mr. Houser is a Democrat in politics and was a candidate for county commissioner in 1912, being elected by a large majority. He has never been an office seeker, but believes it every good citizen's duty to see that the affairs of the town and county are well taken care of. Mrs. Houser is a member of the Christian church at Feesburg. Mr. Houser began life on his own account with nothing whatever in the way of worldly possessions, and when he had been able to save some money and marry he and his wife worked side by side to better their condition. They count their friends by the hundred and are most highly respected as members of the community.

Three children blessed the union of Thomas J. Houser and wife, namely: Archie C., born July 4, 1884; John W., born



July 4, 1886, married Miss Eunice Wile, and they reside in Washington township; Roy J., born January 29, 1888. The oldest and youngest sons are at home and carry on the farm. All three were born in Brown county and are exemplary young men and a credit to their parents.

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### JAMES HARVEY DAY.

James Harvey Day has one of the prettiest homes in Washington township, well located and well kept, and his barn is one of the finest in the county. He has a genial heart and disposition and is entirely a self-made man. He has a refined, nice family, and is well regarded by the whole neighborhood. Mr. Day was born three miles from his present farm, April 7, 1852, son of John and Sarah (Beckelhymmer) Day. The father died when James was an infant and the mother, who was a native of Washington township, was born in 1832 and died in 1877. The father was buried in Brown county and the mother in Washington township. In the family were the following three children, all born in Washington township: James Harvey, Matilda Olive, wife of Joseph Manning, of Tate township; Florence May, wife of Ed Canter, of Tate township, the last two children being of the mother's second marriage, to Mr. McPheeneey. His father had been married before and had four children by his first marriage.

Mr. Day attended school in Washington township and remained with his mother until she died, working for her and sometimes on neighboring farms. In 1877 he married Miss Hester Trees, who was born in Washington township, in 1852. She was the daughter of James and Paulina (Sapp) Trees, natives of Clermont county and farmers of Washington township. The grandfather, John Trees, had twelve children, namely: William, John, Jacob, Perry, James and Wesley, all deceased; Jackson, of Kansas; Marion, of Washington; Polly, deceased, was the wife of John Allman; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Eli Annacost; Caroline, wife of Jerry LeMar, also deceased; Eveline, wife of John Whidmire, is also deceased. James Trees was married twice and by his two wives he had fifteen children, eight of whom are deceased. Mrs. Day died October 13, 1882, and is buried in Point Isabel cemetery. She is survived by one son, Charles.



born in Franklin township, October 30, 1880, who married Miss Daisy Brady, on October 21, 1906, and they have three children: George Harvey, born September 9, 1907; Mabel Bell, born October 30, 1908, and Harley Wilson, born July 24, 1912.

On September 9, 1886, Mr. Day married (second) Miss Emma F. Purkhiser, who was born on the farm where she and her husband now reside, although the house in which she was born burned down. She was born June 25, 1862, and is a daughter of John S. and Sarah L. (Sells) Purkhiser. Mr. Purkhiser was born in Washington township, May 29, 1819, and died January 14, 1900, and his wife, who was born in Lewis township, Brown county, December 2, 1822, died November 29, 1884, and they are buried in Calvary cemetery. The family were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county. They had six children, all born on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Day now reside, namely: Michael Henry, deceased, was born November 20, 1844; William McKendry, deceased, born May 30, 1851; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, born September 28, 1855; Lorenzo Gilbert, deceased, born February 18, 1859, died in June, 1880; Emma Florence, Mrs. Day, the only one of the children now surviving, and she cared for her father the last ten years of his life.

After marriage Mr. Day carried on farming in Franklin township some twelve years, and in 1890 came to Washington township, erecting his present beautiful home some time later. He has been very successful as a tobacco raiser and makes a specialty of stock raising. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer and has been quite successful. The farm contains a fine spring of water that is never dry. Mr. Day is a Democrat in politics and has served as school director, and he and his wife take great interest in the affairs of the community. He belongs to the Christian church and she to the Methodist church. They have had three children: The first born, a girl, died in infancy; Sarah May, born in Franklin township, January 30, 1890, has been a music teacher and lived at home. She was married on March 5, 1913, to John D. Bee, of Tate township. He is a farmer; John Foster, born in Washington township, July 4, 1894, lives at home and helps carry on the farm. Mr. Day had several relatives who served in the Civil war from Ohio. Michael, James M., George and Jackson Beckelhymer served, the first three (the elder) in Company B. Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and Jackson in the





three months' service. An uncle of Mrs. Day, Michael Gilbert Purkhiser, was a Methodist preacher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Day belong to old families of the region, having lived all their lives in the community in which they now live. They are well known and have many friends.

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### MARK D. ROSS.

One of the extensive farmers and large stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, representing a family that is most highly respected and one that has been prominently identified with the growth and progress of the county for many years, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Mark D. Ross is the owner of a beautiful farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres and the substantial buildings and the comfortable modern home indicate great energy and thrift, combined with a love of the beautiful. Mr. Ross makes a specialty of fine horses, handling only the very best bred stock which he sells at his home. Mr. Ross is a son of Abner and Mary (Day) Ross, and was born in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1844.

Abner Ross was born near Georgetown, Ohio, and was a son of William and Katie (Harper) Ross, the latter of Harper's Ferry, Va., and the former a native of Virginia, who came to Ohio at an early date and settled in Brown county. He was by trade a cabinet maker, which he made his life occupation. He had brothers who served in the War of the Revolution. Abner Ross died in 1884 in Missouri, after an active, useful life. Mary (Day) Ross was a native of Brown county and was several years younger than her husband. To their union were born the following named children:

William, who was a trader and farmer of Missouri, died in 1911.

Rebecca, who became the wife of Samuel Cooper, died in 1887.

Sinaellen married Henry Wells, and both are deceased.

Melvina married George Jennings, and both are deceased.

Mary, who became the wife of Hampton Norris, is deceased, as is her husband.

Susan, who is the widow of Mr. McAndra, is a resident of Enid, Okla.



Eliza, who married Lafayette Rhorer, is a resident of California.

Elizabeth, who is the wife of Andrew Ritchie, is a resident of Oklahoma.

Mark D., the subject of this mention.

Isaac is a resident of Missouri.

Utter, deceased.

Clark F. is a resident of Missouri.

Abner Harper, deceased.

Mr. Mark D. Ross was educated in the schools of Lewis township, Brown county, and enlisted in the army of the Civil war, in Company K, Ohio volunteer infantry, returning home in less than one year.

In 1866 Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Wealthy A. Waterman, who was born near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1845, her parents being Wilson and Narcissa Jane (Kendell) Waterman, the father being born in Brown county in 1818, and died in 1888. The mother was born in Lewis township, Brown county, in 1826, and died February 17, 1889. Both are buried in Brown county. They became the parents of the following children:

Wealthy A., became the wife of our subject.

Lucy married Jasper Jacobs, of Georgetown, Ohio.

Henrietta is the wife of William White, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Solomon J. has been deceased since 1904.

Elizabeth Monticello, the wife of Matthew Van Harlington, died June 17, 1909. Matthew Van Harlington is also deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Ross settled on a farm in Brown county, until the year of 1872, when he removed to his present home and then began the improvements which now give to the farm an appearance of prosperity and care. He is a practical farmer and scientific stock raiser.

Of the seven children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, the oldest three were born in Brown county, the others in Clermont county. Their names are as follows:

Jennie, who is the widow of Charles H. Gregg, is a resident of Felicity, and has four sons, Virgil, George Ross, Hugh Marshall, and Dale.

Charles W. is a resident of Franklin township, and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Nellie is the wife of William Pangburn, of Georgetown, and has one child, Vivian.





Wealthy Ann is the wife of Alfred Trisler, of Franklin township, and they have three children, Harold Wilson, Wealthy Ann, and Hiram Mark. Mrs. Trisler was formerly a teacher in the schools of Clermont county.

Lucy is at home.

Wilda is also at home.

Abner Ray is a farmer living near his father. He married Daisy Waterfield and has no children.

Mrs. Ross's parents were descendants of the Watermans of Pennsylvania, who came to Brown county in its early history and raised a large family, which has since been prominently connected with the affairs of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross started out on life's journey together with little capital, but strong and willing hearts and hands, and by years of good and careful management have accumulated a comfortable amount of this world's goods. Mr. Ross is broad and liberal in all his views and everything around him indicates his progressive spirit.

For many years Mr. Mark D. Ross has been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party and has served his fellow citizens in a number of local offices; for years clerk of the township and township trustee. He is also interested in all that tends to promote education and general culture, and has served with much credit on the school board.

Mr. Ross has affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. In these organizations he is held in great esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the Christian church, and give largely to the support of that denomination. The cause of moral development in his community is a matter of great interest to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Ross is pleasant and agreeable in manner and has a wife whose kindly spirit and generous disposition have made her esteemed throughout the community, while Mr. Ross is held in high respect.

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### CHARLES WILSON ROSS.

Charles Wilson Ross, a well known representative of the agricultural interests in Clermont county, Ohio, is a typical citizen of this section of the country, alert, enterprising and progressive. Mr. Ross is a practical farmer and devotes a great amount of



his attention to the raising of standard bred horses and registered Jersey cattle. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 8, 1869, his parents being Mark D. and Wealthy (Waterman) Ross, of whom a record appears on another page of these volumes.

Charles Wilson Ross was reared to young manhood on the parental farm and pursued his education in the schools of Franklin township, later attending the business college of Lexington. He is one of a family of seven children:

Jennie is the widow of Charles H. Gregg, of Felicity, Ohio.

Nellie is Mrs. William Pangburn, of Georgetown, Ohio.

Charles Wilson, the subject of this sketch.

Wealthy, the wife of Albert Prisler, of Felicity.

Lucy Wildey, at the parental home.

Ray is married and lives on the home farm.

The marriage of Mr. C. W. Ross to Miss Bertie Rice, of Felicity, occurred in January, 1893. She was born in Felicity, July 1, 1870, and is a daughter of Wesley and Amanda (Lanham) Rice. The mother was born in Franklin township in 1835 and is now residing with Mrs. Ross. The father was born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, and died in March, 1912. He was employed in a stirrup shop, during his active period, but was retired some years before his demise. They were the parents of eight children:

Louis Rice, of Franklin township.

Addie is the wife of Edwin Melvin, of Cincinnati.

O. F. Rice, of Felicity, mentioned in this history.

Mrs. Ross, wife of the subject of this mention.

Charles Rice, of Covington, Ky.

Kate, the wife of William Schraer, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca, formerly the wife of Joseph Donley, her death occurring in her forty-second year.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ross they located on his father's farm, east of Felicity, where they carried on general farming for three years. At that time they purchased the present home farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres south of Felicity. For sixteen years this place has been their home and many improvements have taken place during their residence. They have remodeled and rebuilt the home and have improved all the outbuildings, and it is in many respects a model property. Mr. Ross takes pride in keeping everything around his home in excellent condition.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ross are three children:



Harry Pitman was born July 28, 1896, and is a senior in the Felicity High School.

Ara Carr was born September 5, 1901, and is attending the Felicity school.

Charles Byron was born October 21, 1907.

Mr. C. W. Ross is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and takes an active interest in all political issues. He has served his party as township treasurer for two terms and for two terms he has filled the office of township assessor, and at present is a member of the school board.

The fraternal associations of Mr. Ross are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has always been active in the work of the order.

In religious matters Mrs. Ross has membership with the Methodist church, while her husband is an active member of the Christian church, having filled the various offices.

As one of the self-made men of the passing generation, Mr. Ross possesses the respect of the community in which he has spent his life thus far, to an uncommon degree, for his manly qualities and upright character are not questioned. He has mastered the true principles of successful business life and well deserves his present prominence in business circles.

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#### PETER C. SMITH.

Peter C. Smith is one of the most substantial farmers of Franklin township, Clermont county, and raises a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs. He is a native of the county, born on Big Indian creek, Washington township, in 1837, son of Israel and Elma (Camerer) Smith, also natives of the county. The father was born in Franklin township, October 5, 1813, and died in 1900, and the mother was born in Washington township, October 5, 1812, and died in 1886. Both are buried in Felicity. He was an extensive farmer and land owner in Franklin and Washington townships and belonged to one of the earliest families to settle in Clermont county. He was always an industrious and upright citizen and representative of the best interests of the community. He and his wife had ten children: Barbara Ellen died in infancy; Peter C.; Sarah Jane, who died in 1860, was the wife of J. W. Wedding; Elizabeth Ann, wife of A. B. Armacost, of Franklin township; Phoebe





Margaret, widow of E. R. Wills, of Felicity; Laura, widow of Lewis Winters, of Tate township; William Henry died at the age of two years; J. M., of Franklin township; Oliver, of Washington township; Addie Virginia, married Chalfant Hardy, who now lives in Oklahoma, and died in 1885; Edwin Wells served two years as a member of the Tenth Kentucky cavalry during the Civil war.

Mr. Smith attended the schools of Washington and Franklin townships and remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. On December 24, 1862, he married Miss Mary Jane McKibben, born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1843, and died in 1875. She was a daughter of S. Parker and Hannah (English) McKibben. Mr. McKibben was a native of Franklin township and died there several years ago. He was a plasterer and brick mason by trade and an industrious citizen. Mrs. McKibben was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county in childhood with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on his father's farm in Franklin township until 1872, when they came to the farm where he now resides, and on the latter place he eventually built a nice house. Mrs. Smith was a good wife and mother and had many warm friends. She was highly regarded for her many good qualities, and was a member of the Methodist church. She bore her husband five children, namely: William Henry, born July 8, 1864, married Etta Trees, lives in Franklin township, and they have one child, Samuel Parker, born July 27, 1897; Frank Edwin, born July 14, 1867, died at the age of twenty years; Cora Elma, born September 29, 1870, married Charles Hawk, and died in 1910, having borne her husband three children—Oliver, born November 4, 1902, and two died in infancy; Lulu May, born September 30, 1873, and died about eighteen years ago, was the wife of Philip Lippert and left one child, Philip Edwin, born November 15, 1895; Mary Belle, born April 24, 1875, married William Johnson, and they live in Franklin township, and to them was born one child, Hazel, who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Smith was buried in Felicity cemetery.

In 1877 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Maxwell Barkley, who was born in Washington township in 1843, daughter of Joseph and Florilla (Wood) Barkley, both natives of Clermont county. Her parents were farmers and died over thirty-eight years ago. They had twelve children, of whom



but three now survive: Mary, widow of Harvey Hanna, of Washington township; Selina, wife of Dr. A. B. McGill, of Cincinnati; Laura Florilla, wife of Smith Ike, who lives in Missouri. Mrs. Smith died July 8, 1908, sadly mourned by all who knew her. She had been a kind friend and neighbor and was an earnest member of the Methodist church, carrying out its teachings in her daily life. She was a good helpmate for her husband and did her duty in all things. She was buried in Calvary cemetery. By his second marriage Mr. Smith had three children, namely: Sadie F., born February 7, 1878, married W. A. Wedding, of Cincinnati, and they have two children, Ralph, aged seven years, and Marjorie, aged one year; Laura A., born April 3, 1880, taught school in Franklin township for five years, but is now at home; Jessie L., born in October, 1884, married G. E. Denniston, of Chilo, November 28, 1912.

Upon coming to his present place Mr. Smith first purchased seventy-six acres of land, adding forty acres at a later date, and in 1886 he erected one of the prettiest homes in the township. He has put up good, substantial barns and other farm buildings and keeps everything in excellent repair. He keeps a high grade of cattle and sells them on the market, and also sells colts in the local market. He has always been industrious and a good manager, being practically self-made. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served in various minor offices, such as school director and supervisor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, and he belongs to the Christian church at Point Isabel. His farm is a model of neatness and thrift and is a true index of the manner in which he carries on his work.

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### CHARLES A. LANHAM.

The name of Lanham is closely associated with the early history of Clermont county, where members of the family were among the earliest settlers. Charles A. Lanham was born within a half-mile of the farm where he now lives, in Franklin township, Clermont county, on December 19, 1854, son of Greenberry and Rachel (Griffing) Lanham. His father was born in the county, April 24, 1805, and died April 1, 1861, being buried in Johnson cemetery, Franklin township. His mother was born





near Trenton, N. J., January 25, 1819, and died February 1, 1896, being buried in Calvary cemetery. The grandfather Lanham was one of the first settlers of Franklin township and purchased the farm where Charles A. Lanham was born, and which at the time the latter left it had been in the Lanham family over one hundred years.

Greenberry Lanham was born on the Lanham farm in Clermont county and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He and his wife had two children, namely, George W., a sketch of whom also appears in this work, and Charles A., whose name heads this sketch. Mrs. Lanham had been married before her marriage to Greenberry Lanham, to Thomas Lawson Wedding, by whom she had three children: Loretta, widow of John Nichols, lives in Felicity, Ohio; Harriet, widow of John Brannen, lives at Nicholasville, Monroe township, Clermont county; Martha, widow of Newton Brannen, also resides at Nicholasville. Before her marriage Mrs. Wedding's name was Rachel Grif-fing. Mr. Wedding's mother was an Eberhardt before her marriage and her ancestors lived in beautiful palaces and were rulers in Wurttemberg, Germany, generations back. Later generations lived at Stuttgart, Germany, and several of the family came to America in early days in the history of our country. Greenberry Lanham and wife were members of the Methodist church and were highly respected members of the community, being identified with various measures for the good of the township and county.

Charles A. Lanham received his education in local schools and early took up farm work, as his father died when he was a child of five years, and he and his brother found it necessary to give their mother all possible assistance. He lived with his mother until reaching his majority, then worked by the month for various farmers in the vicinity until he was thirty-four years old, and then married. In 1886 he was united in wedlock with Miss Alice Wedding, who was also born in Franklin township, the date of her birth being March 8, 1856, and she is a daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Wedding. Mr. Wedding was born in Maryland, November 30, 1825, is now eighty-seven years of age and retired from active life, and he and his wife reside at Felicity, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah (Smith) Wedding was born in Franklin township, March 3, 1839, and died September 12, 1860, having borne her husband three children, two of whom now survive: Mrs. Lanham, and Mary, wife of G. W. Can-



ter, of Mount Olive. Mr. Wedding was a farmer in Franklin township until he retired and moved to Felicity. The Weddings and Smiths were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county, and all were highly respected and thrifty farmers. After the death of his first wife Mr. Wedding married Miss Maria Camerer, and they became parents of three children, of whom but one now survives, Della, wife of W. N. Nichols, of Los Angeles, Cal. He was a prominent Clermont county citizen, but removed to Los Angeles, where he is an expert glazier in a large planing mill. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have one son, Lawrence, who married Miss Mabel Gray, and had one daughter, Barbara. Mrs. Nichols, before her marriage, taught school in Clermont county, and was located nine years at Batavia and seven years at Felicity. She is now one of the Senior A class English teachers in a Los Angeles high school. She is a woman of high culture and refinement and keeps abreast of the times in all ways. She has great ability in her chosen profession and has won a high reputation in this field. She and her husband own a beautiful home and have a large circle of friends. Mr. Wedding and wife are members of the Methodist church.

After renting the farm where he now resides for a period of four years Mr. Lanham bought it. There are one hundred acres of land and he lived in the old house until erecting the present home, in 1908. He follows modern methods in his farm work and now has a very pleasant modern house, well located and well planned. Like his grandfather and father before him, he plans and executes with foresight and good judgment. C. A. Lanham erected big barns and a good summer kitchen, all the buildings being a credit to the neighborhood and to the builder.

Mr. Lanham and wife had three sons, namely: Peter C., born September 5, 1891, works with his father; Edwin I., born July 22, 1893, is also at home; Archie G., born October 9, 1896. Mr. Lanham is a Democrat and a member of the local school board. He and his wife are members of the Christian church at Point Isabel and he is a trustee. They are held in high esteem by their friends and neighbors and both have social gifts. Their children were all born on the farm where they now reside and are a credit to their parents. Mr. Lanham has practically made his own way in the world, having won success through untiring energy and hard work.



## GEORGE W. LANHAM.

George W. Lanham is one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Franklin township, Clermont county, where he has spent practically all his life. He was born near his present home, September 1, 1853, son of Greenberry and Rachel (Griffing) Lanham. The parents are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of Charles A. Lanham, which appears in another part of this work. The father was a successful farmer of Clermont county and was respected for his worth and integrity.

Mr. Lanham received his education in the schools of his native township and took up farming as a young man. He worked for his mother in boyhood, his father having died when the son was a small boy, and worked for farmers by the month three years before his marriage, which occurred February 1, 1877, when he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Nichols; also a native of Clermont county, born May 31, 1855, daughter of John S. and Martha (Turner) Nichols, also natives of that county. Mr. Nichols was born in 1832 and died February 13, 1878, and the mother died when Mrs. Lanham was a small child. They were old settlers of the county, but the grandparents came from Maryland and settled on land in Franklin township, where they developed farms. Four children were born to John S. Nichols and wife, of whom but two survive: Mrs. Lanham and Sarah Caroline, wife of Benjamin Fisher, residing near Calvary church.

After marriage Mr. Lanham settled on his father's old farm, which his grandfather had purchased on first coming to the county. This was their home twelve years, then they purchased one hundred and forty-five acres of fine farming land near Felicity, Franklin township, and began to further improve and develop it. He rebuilt the house and barn, erected a nice summer house, and in many ways added to the beauty and productiveness of the place. He and his wife are highly respected in the neighborhood and are recognized as being desirable neighbors. They have been very industrious and thrifty and are now able to enjoy many comforts denied them in earlier years. Both belong to well known families and have many friends and acquaintances. Their pleasant home is the scene of pleasant hospitality and they take an active part in various movements for the good of the community. Mr. Lanham is a Democrat in politics and has served in local offices, such as road commissioner





and school director. He and his wife belong to the Christian church, of which he is a deacon. He is a member of the Masonic order.

One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lanham, a daughter, born on the same farm as was her father, now Mrs. Etta Nichols Gardner, wife of John Gardner, who lives with her parents. Mr. Gardner helps carry on the farm and they have two children, Mary Florence, born March 6, 1908, and Ruth Marie, born on April 20, 1913. Mr. Gardner was born in Clermont county, April 11, 1880, and is a son of B. E. Gardner, a sketch of whom appears on another page in this work. He is an able and energetic farmer and has a good standing with his neighbors and associates.

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### JAMES HARVEY GATES.

James Harvey Gates, a retired farmer of Washington township, is one of the oldest residents in the county. He is entirely self-made, having begun life on his own account with nothing, and won a competence by his industry and energy. He is the oldest Odd Fellow in the county and has a fine memory for old times and events. He is a native of the county, born in Monroe township, September 30, 1826, son of James Henry and Margaret (McMichael) Gates. The father was born in Chesterfield county, Virginia, near Petersburg, in 1790, and died in 1876, and his mother was born in Londonderry, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1783, and died in the same year as the father. His mother moved to Mason county, Kentucky, where she lived from 1789 to 1794, during which time she lived in a fort, as there were many Indians in the region. James Henry Gates was one of the earliest settlers of Clermont county, Ohio, and had to clear land for a farm. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and came to Monroe township in 1815. He was a farmer in Monroe township, but spent the last three years of his life with his son, both parents dying in the latter's home. They were Methodists and active in church work. They had seven children: Maria Jane, wife of James Hunt, both being deceased; Sarah B. married Joseph Dawson and both are deceased; Mary A. married Isaac Bainum and both are deceased; Paulina W. married Samuel West and both are deceased; Louisa V. married David Bainum and both are



deceased; Margaret married James Dixon and both are deceased; J. Harvey. The father and mother were both buried in Laurel cemetery.

James Gates Dawson, son of Joseph and Sarah Dawson, served in the Civil war from Ohio, in the Eighty-ninth regiment.

After attending the common schools, Mr. Gates took a course at Parker's Academy, entering the latter institution at the age of thirteen years, in 1839, and being the first pupil enrolled there. He remained with his father until 1859. In 1849 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elvina Simmons, born in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1824, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Pollard) Simmons. Mr. Simmons was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1835 and his wife was born in Maryland and died in 1855. They were farmers of Monroe township and had twelve children, all of whom are now deceased: Pollard, Wesley, James B., Sanford, Willis, Milton; Julia, wife of Samuel Bettle; John A.; Nancy, wife of Sam Buchanan; Eliza, wife of Dixon Buchanan; B. H.; Mary Elvina, who married Mr. Gates. A grandson of Leonard Simmons and wife, John W. Simmons, served from Ohio in the Civil war.

After marriage Mr. Gates remained on the farm with his father ten years, then moved to Indian Creek, Washington township, where he purchased a farm. He began with one hundred and twenty-five acres of land and has added to it until he now has two hundred acres. He cultivated his farm himself until about fifteen years ago, then retired from active life, for some time making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Abrams. He is well known throughout his part of the State as an old member of the order of Odd Fellows, having joined Mistletoe Lodge at New Richmond and later transferred his membership to Point Isabel, where he became a charter member. He has served as noble grand of the lodge. He can remember much of conditions in early days and looks back on a long life of industry and toil, during which time he was always a progressive and useful citizen and interested in whatever affected the welfare of his community. Mrs. Gates died November 30, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates had thirteen children, namely:

Margaret Elizabeth, born in Monroe township, married L. H. Padgett, lives in Kansas, and has five children: Jessie, wife of Emmett Philips, of Batavia, has three children, Margaret,





Homer and Arlyn; Mary Elvina, wife of Andy Phillips, lives in Kansas and has two children, Lena and Frances; Angenette, wife of Martin Edwards, of Kansas, has two children, Martin and Marguerite; Harvey Gates Padgett married Effie Grace Fox, lives in Kansas, and they have three sons, Glen, Paul and James; Susan Alice married Simpson Foster, of Kansas, is deceased and left one son, Gerald.

James Henry, born in Monroe township, married Miss Jennie Florence Hill, lives in Washington township, and they have three children: Allen Thurman married Emma House, lives in Moscow, and has two children, Homer and David Russell; George Frederick, of Moscow, married Lellie Roush and they have one child, William Frederick; Mabel Alice, wife of Jesse Prible, lives in Washington township.

Luella J., born in Monroe township, wife of Thomas G. Hill, of Washington township, has had six children, four of whom survive: Nichols H., deceased; Edna Florence; Peter C.; Robert married Miss Josephine Castleberg, lives in Kansas, and they have a son, Thomas; Bertha is the wife of Francis O'Neil, of Washington county, Ohio, and they have a son, Milton.

Mary Ann, born in Monroe township, died in 1891, and is buried by the side of her mother.

Julia Virginia, born in Monroe township, married McClellan Reed, lives in Colorado, and they have five children: Anna, wife of William Toner, of Colorado; Royal, John, Alice and Enoch.

John Simmons, born in Washington township, lives at Salina, Kan., married Mabel Simmons.

Emma Louisa, born in Washington township, married Charles J. Pealtz, of Tate township, and they have four children: Minnie, wife of Glen Hill, of Tate township; Louise, Gladys and Naomi.

Harriet Elvina, born in Washington township, married Frank Buchanan, and died in 1892, being buried in Calvary cemetery.

Alice C., widow of Markley Abrams, who was also born in Washington township, in 1867, son of James and Emeline (Buntton) Abrams, was a farmer and died in 1906, being buried in Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Abrams has two children, born in Washington township. Emeline May and Clara Elizabeth.

The other four children born to J. H. Gates and wife died in infancy.



## SAMUEL A. CANTER, M. D.

Dr. Samuel A. Canter, of Point Isabel, Clermont county, is a broad minded, liberal thinker, highly respected and enjoying the benefits of a good practice. He is a man of recognized ability in his profession and is doing very good work in his chosen field. He has been identified with Clermont county all his life and is well known in various circles. He was born in Tate township, Clermont county, March 16, 1846, son of Stephen and Keturah (Altman) Canter, also natives of Clermont county. The mother was born in Tate township July 24, 1827, and died November 13, 1902, and the father was born in Washington township, November 6, 1822, and died November 2, 1866, both being buried in Bethel, Ohio. The father was a good mechanic, but was very fond of agricultural pursuits and became an excellent farmer. He and his wife had nine children, six of whom grew to maturity and four of whom now survive: Dr. Samuel A., the oldest; William T., born October 3, 1849, resides in Tate township; Nelson E., born November 4, 1851, died in 1902; John R., born September 16, 1853; Thomas A., born January 20, 1859, died at Williamsburg, Ohio, November 23, 1897; Orlando R., born in Tate township, May 31, 1863, lives in Columbus, Ohio.

After graduating from Clermont Academy, Samuel A. Canter attended the College of Medicine and Surgery, of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in March, 1879. He began practice at Point Isabel, where he has remained ever since, the only physician and surgeon in the village. He has built up a large practice and has won the confidence of the community. He takes a genuine interest in his fellowmen and has many sincere friends. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as township trustee and as a member of the blind relief committee of Clermont county. He has belonged to the Masonic order since attaining his majority and is also an Odd Fellow.

On April 1, 1875, Dr. Canter was united in marriage with Miss Harriet M. Parrish, born in Tate township February 22, 1848, daughter of Stephen and Missouri (Davis) Parrish, her father a native of Kentucky, and her mother of Clermont county, and both now deceased. They lived for many years in Clermont county and were prominent farmers of Tate township. They had nine children, of whom Rebecca, wife of William McChesney, lives in Tate township; B. F. lives on





the old home place in Tate township; Elizabeth was the wife of Joseph L. Canter, both deceased; Mrs. Canter, wife of Dr. S. A. Canter, of this review.

Dr. and Mrs. Canter have a very pleasant home on Main street, where he has his office. This has been their residence for a great many years. She is a member of the Methodist church, and he of the Christian church. Two children blessed their union, both born in Washington township: Walter E. died at the age of one week; Lena D., born January 16, 1881, died May 30, 1907. Both are buried in Bethel cemetery. The daughter was a great worker in the Order of the Eastern Star, and for several terms was matron of the local organization.

Dr. Canter has won success by his own unaided efforts, for he is self-educated and made an independent start in life at an early age. He belongs to a very old family of the county through his mother, whose parents came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. His father's parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfathers of Dr. Canter were named Thomas Canter and Samuel Altman, both well known names in the county's early history.

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### JOHN J. BOLENDER.

John J. Bolender, a progressive fruit grower and farmer of Franklin township, Clermont county, has made a favorable impression on all who have had dealings with him and has a large number of warm friends. He belongs to an old family in Clermont county, of which he is a native, born near Felicity, son of Joel and Melissa (Trisler) Bolender. The father was born near Felicity in 1824 and died in 1908, and the mother was born in 1830 and died in 1904, both being buried in Zion cemetery. The Bolenders came from Pennsylvania to Clermont county at a very early day and always held a respected place in the community. Joel Bolender spent all his active life farming in Franklin township, except for two years, when he was engaged in mercantile business.

John Trisler, father of Joel Bolender's wife, died on December 10, 1880, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Coffman, aged ninety years, eleven months and eleven days. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., December 31, 1789, youngest of the four children of Michael Trisler. Michael Trisler





moved to Lexington, Ky., when John was ten years of age, and died soon thereafter, leaving John and his brothers to support themselves and their mother. In 1811 John Trisler married Miss Fannie Reid and moved to Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, which was then an unbroken wilderness, the habitat of deer, elk and bears, and the home of the Indian. They made their home near Feesburg, and in company with a few others, Mr. Trisler erected a little stone church at Shinkle's Ridge, where they met to worship. In June, 1825, his wife died, and he subsequently married Catherine Gray and moved to Tate township, Brown county, where he became one of the charter members of the local church, and where he remained until 1870, at which time he retired from active life and thereafter lived with his children. At the time of his death he had thirteen children, ninety-two grandchildren, over one hundred great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. He was the father of eighteen children, and he lived to see fifteen of them married, and with families. Three died in infancy. On the 11th of December, 1880, the remains of "Grandfather Trisler," as he was affectionately known by all, were conveyed to Mt. Zion church, where Rev. J. Lowell delivered an appropriate sermon, which touched the hearts of the assemblage of relatives and friends come to pay their last tribute of respect to the pioneer and friends who was revered and loved by all. His body was then consigned to the grave in the cemetery near the church, there to await the coming of Him upon whose name he delighted to call. Thus closed a beautiful life and the entire community felt the loss of this kindly old man.

Joel Bolender and wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Martha married Samuel Ross and both are deceased; Daniel lives near Felicity; William lives in Brown county; Susan married Tilman Richie and resides in Brown county; John J. is the subject of this sketch; Albert died at the age of six months; Wright is deceased; Lottie, the wife of Frank McGahan, lives in Franklin township.

In boyhood John J. Bolender attended the local schools and learned the rudiments of farming. He well remembers his old school days in Benton school house, near his father's farm. He remained with his father until his marriage, in December, 1887, to Miss Sylvia Hill, who was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on August 6, 1868, daughter of Warren and Anna Allen Hill, both natives of Ohio and farmers of Fayette county,



that State. Mr. Hill was born in Fayette county, September 30, 1847, and died March 11, 1871, at the age of twenty-three years, eleven months and five days. He served six months in the last call for men during the Civil war. His wife, Alma L. Allen, was born near Georgetown, Brown county, May 17, 1849, and died October 13, 1885, aged thirty-six years, four months and twenty-six days. After the death of Mr. Hill his widow lived for a time in Fayette county. The only child of this marriage was Mrs. Bolender. Mrs. Hill was married (second) to David Draper, and by this marriage there were five children, three of whom are now living: Minnie, wife of Sherman Wilson, of Indiana; George lives at New Castle, Ind., and William at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mrs. Bolender's great-great-grandfather, Alexander Hill, father of Arnold Hill, was born in Maryland and moved thence to Pennsylvania, later to Kentucky, and eventually to Brown county, Ohio. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kelly, was born in Ireland. James K. Hill, Mrs. Bolender's great-grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Brown county, Ohio, when his son, John A., was but fourteen years of age. His wife, Amelia, was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Arnold, and was born in Virginia. The ancestors of the Hills were people of good circumstances, all having good homes and many of them wealthy. They were well known for their frugality, industry, honesty and integrity. The Arnolds were all honest and industrious, well-to-do, and noted for neatness. John A. Hill, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Bolender, was the eldest child of James and Amelia Hill and inherited the qualities of both families in a marked degree. John Arnold and Abby C. (Leach) Hill were the parents of Warren Hill. She was the third daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Leach, and was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, her father being a native of Indiana. Walter and Elizabeth Leach moved to Mason county, Kentucky, and in 1816 came to Brown county, Ohio, buying a farm at Georgetown. John A. Hill was born in Ripley, Ohio, married Abby C. Leach, November 27, 1832, and moved to Fayette county, Ohio, in 1834. He and his wife were members of the old school Baptist church, which he joined in 1843, and she in 1844. Their hospitable home in Jasper township, Fayette county, seven miles from Washington Court House, was the scene of many gatherings. Mrs. Hill's father, Walter Leach, was a fine man, very handy at most kinds of work,





and was able to do all kinds of odd jobs, such as making baskets, etc. He was a man of good principles and highly regarded. He was born in Maryland, December 28, 1773, moved to Kentucky with his parents, and married Elizabeth Francis, daughter of Thomas and Tabitha Francis, who was born in New Jersey in 1784 and died in 1843. He built a fine two-story house after locating near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1816, as before mentioned, and this old home, about two and one-half miles from the town, is still occupied.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolender made their first home on one hundred and twenty acres of land, where he now lives. For a number of years they raised corn and tobacco principally, and eighteen years ago set out their first fruit trees, consisting of apple and peach trees. The following year he added one hundred and fifty pear trees, and later added plums and quinces. He has become an extensive fruit grower and ships all his choicest fruit to Cincinnati. He has been successful in raising a high grade of fruit and has found a good market for his product. In 1911 he erected an elegant modern home, well arranged and one of the finest in the county. He has put up substantial barns and other buildings and keeps his place in an excellent state of repair. He stands high with his neighbors and fellow citizens, and is regarded as a useful member of the community. He was reared a Democrat and in spite of the fact that he votes for the men he considers best fitted for office, he is a Democrat in principle today. He has never aspired to office. He and his wife are members of the Apostolic Holiness church, and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Felicity, Ohio. The family is one of refinement and culture and worthy to represent the best type of America. They are all proud of their ancestry and interested in the earlier history of the community, with which many of their forebears were closely associated.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bolender: Josie M., Herbert J. and Harry H., all born on the home farm. Josie M. was born August 2, 1889, and after graduating from the Felicity High School spent one year at Miami University at Oxford. She is now teaching her fourth year in the school near home and boards with her parents. Herbert J., who was born August 15, 1890, graduated from the Felicity High School, taught two winters in Clermont county, and assists his father on the farm. Harry H., born September 29, 1896, is now a student at God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio.



## J. C. GINNINGS.

J. C. Ginnings belongs to one of the older families of Clermont county and is well known for his former business activities and connections. He has retired from active life and resides in Felicity, where he was born in 1847, son of Joseph M. and Mary A. (Young) Ginnings. The father of Joseph Ginnings was a soldier in the Revolution and his wife's father served in the War of 1812. Mr. Young started for New Orleans; but as he heard of the victory of General Jackson, he returned to Virginia. Joseph Ginnings was born in Virginia in 1808 and died in Clermont county in 1894. His wife was born in Virginia in 1812 and died in Clermont county in 1882. Both are buried in Felicity cemetery. He came to Adams county, Ohio, with his parents, about 1820, and soon afterwards the family located in Clermont county. The Youngs also came to Clermont county at an early day. Joseph Ginnings was a Democrat in politics, and served as assessor and constable when a young man. He became prominent in local affairs and was a man of influence. In 1849 he went to California, one of the first from Clermont county to make the trip, and seek for gold. He remained there with advantage for four years, then returned to Felicity, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had nine children, all born in Clermont county, five of whom grew to maturity: Melissa C., married John Walker and died in 1893; Margaret E., married Louis Miller, of Franklin township; Mary A., is the wife of J. A. Smith and resides at Fullerton, Cal.; Joan B., wife of B. F. Moreland; J. C., whose name heads this sketch.

In boyhood Mr. Ginnings attended Felicity public schools and later worked for a time in the local tobacco houses. Later he was employed as clerk on a steamer on the Ohio river for some nine years. He then became bookkeeper for the Globe Tobacco Warehouse in Cincinnati for six years, after which he returned to his birthplace. He has since been retired from active life. He is largely self-made and became successful through energy, uprightness and industry. He is much respected as a progressive citizen and has many friends, among whom he is very popular for his pleasant manner and kindly spirit. He has recently purchased an automobile, which affords him much interest and pleasure. For many years he was a director in the Traction Railroad Company, which con-





structed a line to Felicity, and was a charter member and secretary until 1912, when he resigned.

In 1878, Mr. Ginnings was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Gill, a native of Felicity, born in 1852, daughter of John and Maria (Lawson) Gill, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to Ohio in the early 40's. Mr. Gill was a tailor by trade and he and his wife have been dead many years. They had five children: George, of Indiana; Mary, wife of Frank Lanham, is deceased; Fannie M., Mrs. Ginnings; Julia, widow of E. Prather, of Felicity; Annie, widow of Charles Adanis, of Felicity. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Gill married Thomas Simmermon, and by this union there were four children: Thomas L., of Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton county, Ohio, where he is principal of the schools; E. A., also a teacher of Hamilton county; Fred H., of Felicity, a druggist; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of C. E. Day. Mr. Ginnings is a Democrat in politics, and although much interested in public affairs, is not an office seeker. Fraternally he is a Democrat. Mrs. Ginnings was a devout member of the Christian church and was an exemplary wife and mother, striving to do her duty in all relations of life. She died in 1879, deeply and sincerely mourned by her family and her many friends, and was buried in Felicity cemetery.

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### DANIEL BOLENDER.

Daniel Bolender is one of the substantial citizens of Franklin township and belongs to an old family of Clermont county. He is a native of the township, born November 5, 1849, son of Joel and Melissa (Trisler) Bolender. A sketch of Joel Bolender, also a native of the county, is given at some length in connection with the sketch of John J. Bolender, which appears in this history. The Bolenders and Trislars were early comers to Clermont county and influential in the early history of Ohio. They are old American families and people of industry and integrity. The children of Joel Bolender and wife are mentioned in connection with the sketch of J. J. Bolender, mentioned above.

In boyhood Daniel Bolender attended Benton school in Franklin township and remained on the home farm until his marriage, November 24, 1874, to Miss Ida Wells, born in





Franklin township, April 5, 1855, daughter of James C. and Sarah (McMurphy) Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were born in Clermont county and their parents came from Scotland. They were farmers of Franklin township but both are now deceased, the father having died some twenty years ago and the mother when Mrs. Bolender was a small child. They had six children: Edwin R. and Charles J., deceased; James C. lives in Arkansas; Ida E., Mrs. Bolender; Milton, deceased; a daughter who died in infancy.

Three children were born to Mr. Bolender and wife: Jessie Wells, born November 17, 1879, married Harley O. Hanna, lives in California, and has one daughter, Elizabeth Lou, aged one year; Norman J., born March 19, 1882, married Nellie, daughter of Dr. Trout, and they live in Columbus and have one daughter, Helen Marie, six years of age; Ida Blance, born September 4, 1888, wife of Stanley Manchester, of Feesburg, Brown county, and they have one son, Herman. The mother of these children died September 14, 1888, and is buried in Mount Zion cemetery.

On October 8, 1889, Mr. Bolender married (second) Miss Lucy Owen, born near Georgetown, Lewis township, Brown county, daughter of George and Mary Bole Owen. Her parents were natives of Brown county and the mother died when Mrs. Bolender was a small child. Mr. Owen lives in Feesburg and is now eighty-four years of age. He served in the Mexican war and was a farmer of Brown county. There are only two veterans of the Mexican war now living in Brown county or State of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens had nine children: Joseph lives in Brown county; Charles died in Missouri; Martha, wife of William Slack, of Hamilton, Ohio; Lee, of Brown county; Ella, wife of Oliver Hendrickson, of Brown county; Edward, deceased; George W., of Clermont county; Jennie, wife of Charles Bryant, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Bolender. The Owen family came to Brown county in an early date and were members of the Methodist church.

After marriage Mr. Bolender located on a farm in Washington township, which he purchased, and this was the home for four years. Later he moved to his father-in-law's place in Franklin township, the latter moving to Felicity at that time. After residing there four years Mr. Bolender moved to his present farm of two hundred and six acres, and in the fall of that year erected the elegant home which they have



since occupied, and which is one of the best in the county. It is located on a good road, near a school house, and is convenient to church and the town. About 1880 Mr. Bolender put up one of the best barns in the county, thirty-six by sixty feet, and he built all the outbuildings and fencing on the farm. This is one of the best kept places in the county and its appearance is a true index of the thrift and industry with which the work is conducted in general. Mr. Bolender is a man of energy and foresight, managing his affairs with business acumen and ability. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as school director. He and his wife are devout members of the Benton Christian church, he being a charter member. They are much interested in its work and he has been an elder for many years. He is a worker in the Sunday school, has been superintendent many years and is now assistant superintendent. He is a man of simple tastes and is very fond of his home and family. He is self-made man, having won success through long years of hard work.

Mr. Bolender and wife have two children, born on the present farm: Elbert Owen, born December 20, 1891, is a graduate of Felicity High School and is now attending the State University at Columbus, and Homer Wright, born June 11, 1897, attends Felicity High School.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON HALSE.

George Washington Halse is one of the most industrious and progressive farmers and has one of the nicest homes in Tate township. He is a native of that township, being descended from two of the oldest families of the region. He was born October 12, 1846, son of William and Margaret Luccetta (Bredwell) Halse. William Halse was a son of George Halse, who came to Clermont county from England in 1818 and became the owner of some six hundred acres of land there. The latter was a carpenter as well as a farmer. William Halse was born in Tate township, August 26, 1824, and died June 22, 1904, and his wife was born in Tate township, November 15, 1824, and lives in Tate township, where she has resided continuously since 1865. She is active and in good health and has a large number of friends. Her grandparents, Elventon Bredwell and Catherine Collins Bredwell, came from





Kentucky to Clermont county in 1806-07, and her parents were Thomas Bredwell and Mary Willis Bredwell, and they had fifteen children. There are four sisters and two brothers of Mrs. William Halse now surviving, namely: Mrs. Mary D. Malick, of Amelia, Ohio; Mrs. Rachel Sapp, of Bethel; Mrs. Josephine Phillips, of Bethel; Elizabeth O. Canter, of Point Isabel; Thomas S. Bredwell, of Blanchester, Ohio; Dean M. Bredwell, of Bethel, Ohio. Another sister, Mrs. Lydia Willis Dean, died September 5, 1912, and was buried on the 8th, in Bethel cemetery. She was the mother of Thomas Albert Dean, of Fremont, Ohio, who was elected to the Senate of the Seventy-eighth General Assembly as a Democrat, and re-elected to the Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

William Halse applied for enlistment in the army at the time of the Civil war, but was rejected on account of poor health. He and his wife had children as follows: George Washington, of this sketch; Sarah Catherine, wife of William A. Aultman, of Mt. Orab, Ohio; Thomas Lewis, living on Rural Route No. 4, Bethel; Miss Mary Ann, of Columbus, who is the general manager and secretary treasurer of the Felber Biscuit Company. Mr. Aultman served in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment.

The early boyhood of George W. Halse was spent on the home farm, but his education was received away from home, for he had the sad misfortune to lose his speech and hearing. He entered the School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with honors in 1869. His grandfather, George Halse, gave each of his daughters a farm of one hundred acres, and to his grandson, George W., in consideration of his misfortune, gave the nice farm of seventy-seven acres where the family now reside. There was a nice house on it, which George W. Halse later remodeled, and his parents lived on the place while he was away from home. After graduating, he taught in the Columbus school for a period of twenty-two years, and at Salem, Ore., nine years. In October, 1909, he returned from Oregon, and has since been operating his farm, which lies two miles southeast of Bethel.

Mr. Halse is a Democrat in politics, but takes no very active part in public affairs and he belongs to no secret societies. He and his wife are active members of the Bethel Baptist church.

On July 26, 1876, he was married to Adeline Trunkey Evans, and in May, 1898, she passed away. She was a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) School for the Deaf, where she after-



wards taught for five years. She was a daughter of Harvey Trunkey and Ann Fell Trunkey, of Burgh Hill, Ohio. Her grandfather Trunkey helped to fight with Lafayette in the Revolutionary war, after which he, with his wife, lived in the State of Connecticut to the end of his life. Harvey Trunkey was for a period of thirty-two years a justice of the peace of Vernon township in Trumbull county, Ohio, and was often called to act as judge in the courts of that county.

On September 3, 1902, Mr. Halse was united in marriage with Beulah B., daughter of Willard D. and Cordelia J. Crout, born in Fulton county, Ohio, November 28, 1867. Mr. Crout was born March 12, 1838, and died in October, 1902, and her mother, whose maiden name was Hodge, was born August 29, 1842, and died in March, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Crout had children as follows: Mrs. Ella Shadle, of Wauseon, Ohio; Mrs. Ida Borton, of Toledo; Ora E., of Wauseon, Fulton county; Beulah C., Mrs. Halse; Ray D., of Ironton, Ohio, who is now the principal of the high school. Mrs. Halse was educated in the School for the Deaf in Columbus, from which she graduated in 1884, and after her marriage spent seven years teaching and supervising the small boys in the school at Salem, Ore. Both she and her husband are well read and take an intelligent interest in the topics and issues of the day. She is a distant relative of Lafayette, a famous French military officer and statesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Halse own a house and lot in Columbus, Ohio, and have one hundred and five acres of fine farm land in Tate township, all under cultivation except twenty-five acres of timber land. He is very handy in making improvements on his place and has done considerable carpenter work. He has also done a great deal of cement work and at present is laying cement walks all around the house and wherever needed. His wife as well, is an ambitious worker in improving her home, and has done all the papering and painting on the house, both inside and out. The home is modern in every way and most convenient. Mr. Halse's mother resides with them. He inherited some land upon the death of his father. The family are very fond of reading and are examples of happy and devoted members of a well regulated household. The mother, although eighty-eight years of age, retains great interest in her family and friends, and has a good memory of old days in the township and county. Mr. Halse has been undaunted by the misfortune which befell him and has always made the





most of his opportunities, with upright and ambitious effort making light of every difficulty. He has accomplished a great deal and if he had been able to hear and speak would undoubtedly have made a brilliant career for himself. He and his wife have one child, Hazel Durand, born in Salem, Ore., February 19, 1909, also partly deaf.

Mr. Halse continues to do a great deal of good for his deaf friends and hearing ones and has held services in churches. He took a regular course in a business college in Columbus, Ohio. Besides her children, his mother has nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

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### CHARLES J. POELTZ.

One of the most progressive farmers of Clermont county is Charles J. Poeltz, of Tate township. He and his family are interested in the advancement of every good cause and are devout and earnest workers in the Methodist church. They have a very pleasant home and the farm buildings are kept in good repair, giving the whole place an air of prosperity and thrift. Mr. Poeltz is a native of the county, born in 1862, son of Julius E. and Wilhelmina (Knull) Poeltz, both born in Germany, the mother in 1826 and the father in 1827.

The father died in 1885 and is buried in Laurel, Mt. Carmel cemetery, and she lives with her son, Charles J. They brought two children to America, in 1854, and settled in Madison, Ind., coming from there to Clermont county, where Mr. Poeltz spent the rest of his life in agricultural operations in Monroe township. He lived near the present farm of Charles J. Poeltz. He was in Capt. John McNeil's Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry.

Julius Poeltz and wife had four sons and four daughters, all of whom had reached maturity by the time of the father's death, and all now surviving save one. They are: Edward, of Adams county; Ida, wife of Philip Nort, of Clermont county; Rosa, who died in 1885 and was buried in Carmel cemetery, was the wife of Dan Bohl; Annie is the wife of John Marsh, of Oklahoma; John lives in Brown county; Charles J. is the subject of this sketch; Frank is a hardware merchant of Russellville, Brown county; Lyda is the wife of Almedia Marsh, of Clermont county. The parents were de-





vout Methodists and during most of his lifetime the father served as a steward and trustee, keeping this post until his death. He was an enterprising and progressive farmer and an excellent citizen. He was one of the best bass singers in the county and was in much demand at revival meetings to lead the chorus. After his death his widow at Laurel put in a memorial window in the church in affectionate remembrance of his good life and earnest work for the cause. His widow is a great worker in the church and was a class leader for eight years. She is a woman of superior intelligence and has many firm friends.

Mr. Poeltz attended the public school at Laurel and was reared to farm work. At the age of twenty-one years he began working away from home and was employed four years on the farm of David Y. Fisher, an old and influential member of the Methodist organization, whose father was an early preacher in Clermont county. On December 28, 1887, Mr. Poeltz was united in marriage with Miss Emma Gates, also a native of Clermont county, born October 28, 1862, and daughter of James Harvey Gates, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. The Gates family have a high standing in Clermont county, where they were early settlers.

After marriage Mr. Poeltz spent three years on a farm north of Moscow, then lived for a time near Calvary. After they had rented land five years they purchased a farm near Pekin, where he lived fourteen years. In November, 1907, they moved to their present farm in Tate township, where they have one hundred and twelve acres. They have repaired and improved the buildings and have erected a good barn and henhouse, as well as other farm buildings. Mr. Poeltz carries on general farming and stock raising and follows modern methods in his enterprise. The place is known by the pretty name of "Maplewood Farm." Mr. Poeltz is well known and is very popular with all, for he is broad and liberal minded and a good friend and neighbor. He loves his home and his domestic life is very happy. He is a "dyed-in-the-wool" Republican and has served as road supervisor and several years on the school board and treasurer of the same. He and his wife are earnest members of and workers in the Methodist church and for ten years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, during which time he was never late for service and missed but eight Sundays. He is a trustee and steward in the church fourteen years.



Mr. and Mrs. Poeltz had five daughters, all born in Clermont county: Minnie, born October 16, 1888, wife of Glen Hill, of Tate township, whose farm adjoins her father's; Mary Elvira, born January 27, 1890, died July 7 of the same year and is buried in Carmel cemetery; Anna Louise, born July 26, 1891, taught school two years at Macedonia and now teaches in the home school, Crane District, No. 4; Gladys Armilda, born August 6, 1893, has prepared for teaching and holds a certificate; Lydia Naomi, born October 23, 1895. The three first named are graduates from the high school at Bethel and the youngest expects to complete the same course. They are four charming young ladies and help to make the home a very happy one. Mr. Poeltz is a self-made man, for when he left home he owned nothing but a horse, on which he owed \$70.25, and now he is one of the most substantial farmers in his township. His wife has worked intelligently and earnestly as his faithful helpmeet and his daughters have been an inspiration to both, as well as some practical help. All know how the comforts they now enjoy have been earned and appreciate them for what they are worth. Mr. Poeltz is a genial, pleasant man to meet and is well read.

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### B. F. ELLSBERRY.

Clermont county has no more respected citizen than B. F. Ellsberry, who belongs to a fine old family of the region and is a man of liberal ideas and broad sympathies. He is reasonably proud of the part taken by his parents in the early history of the county and has followed in their footsteps by becoming himself actively interested in the public welfare. He is a native of Bethel, Clermont county, born March 24, 1842, son of John and Sarah (Carter) Ellsberry. The father was born July 12, 1806, in Tate township, Clermont county, and the mother was born May 17, 1814, in New Jersey. He died on August 10, 1888, and she in 1895. He was a Democrat in politics and held township offices for many years. He was a member of the school board, for many years justice of the peace, and for several terms was county treasurer. They had ten children, all born in Clermont county: Aurelius, Thomas Benton and Isaac, deceased; B. F., of this sketch; George, deceased; Darius, a retired blacksmith of Bethel; John, deceased; Mary





died unmarried, and two died in infancy. The parents were strong Methodists and the father of Mrs. Ellsberry, John Carter, was a Methodist preacher. Mr. Ellsberry's father, Isaac Ellsberry, served in the Civil war, from North Carolina, and his father, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served in the war of 1812 and died in Bethel, an old resident of Clermont county.

John Ellsberry was a brickmaker and building contractor and erected many of the substantial brick houses in Bethel and other parts of the township. He was township trustee four years, for fifteen years was a peacemaker in the office of justice of the peace, and from 1851 to 1854 was county treasurer, as before mentioned. He was an honest man—one of the noblest works of God—greatly beloved and revered by all who knew him, and never wishing to see anyone receive unfair or unjust treatment. He helped many of his neighbors to keep out of litigation and settled many disputes and differences of opinion. He was a most faithful church worker and firm in his faith. His funeral, held in Bethel, was conducted by Rev. George W. Swing, and was attended by friends and acquaintances from all parts of the county, all feeling that they had lost a valuable friend and the county a citizen of the highest integrity.

Benjamin Franklin Ellsberry attended Bethel schools and in young manhood worked in a saddler's shop, learning the trade. He remained at this occupation until he was twenty-five years old, and later took up farming. February 2, 1867, he was united in marriage with Melissa Jane Eder, born in Brown county, November 15, 1841, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Green) Eder. The Eders came from Maryland and were farmers to some extent, although Mr. Eder had a saddlery business in Bethel for a number of years. Mr. Eder was born in 1816 and died January 23, 1903. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and lived in Bethel for a period of nearly eighty years, where at times he engaged in manufacturing and other local enterprises. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Sammy" by all and was always regarded as a man of the highest integrity and uprightness of character, whose word was as good as his bond. For many years he kept one of the largest stores in Bethel. He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery and his funeral was conducted by Rev. Washburn. Mrs. Eder was born in Clermont county and was a good Christian woman, a good helpmeet to her husband and liked by all. She was probably some seventy-five years old at the time of her death.



Soon after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ellsberry went to live with her parents and he worked in his father-in-law's saddlery shop. In the course of time they removed to the country, about one mile from Bethel, where they erected a fine brick house. This house was erected some thirty years ago and some fifteen years ago they put up a frame addition which makes it a very attractive looking home, and it has many modern conveniences. He has put up substantial barns and has added in many ways to the appearance and value of the place. They have one hundred and nine acres of good farm land and he and his wife have worked hard, hand in hand, to accomplish this result. She has been a good manager and helpmeet and they are self-made, beginning in a small way and adding to their possessions and prosperity as they were able. He is a very quiet man, of domestic tastes, and he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of their earlier years of toil.

Three children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsberry, all born in the county: Frank Morris, born September 22, 1868, married Miss Maude Prickett, and they live in Cincinnati, and have on child, Dorothy Melissa, born March 20, 1909; Edwin, born May 4, 1874, married Miss Alice Smith and they live with his parents; Ida May, born November 10, 1877. Miss Ida May is a very intelligent young woman, fond of historical works and family data, and proud of the part her ancestors have taken in the history of Clermont county. They are a hospitable family and stand well with their neighbors. They have a large circle of friends and are well known for the pleasant manner in which they treat all who pass over their threshold.

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#### ISAAC N. CRAIN.

Isaac N. Crain, the well known owner of "Forest Farm," in Tate township, Clermont county, is a representative citizen, standing for all that makes for the good of his community and county. He is a progressive and enterprising farmer and has erected every building on his farm, which takes its name from the magnificent grove of maples which he planted in 1899, one of the finest wind breaks in the county. He was born near Mt. Sterling, Ky., in 1862, son of Richard M. and Elizabeth



(Ketron) Crain, natives of Scott county, Virginia. His father was born in 1822 and died in February, 1897, and the mother, who was born in 1829, died in the same month and year as her husband. They died and are buried in Kentucky. They had thirteen children, all but the eldest born in Kentucky, as follows: John, of Morgan county, Kentucky; James, born in Kentucky, lives in Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio; Andrew J. lives in Pendleton county, Kentucky; Sarah, married first James Gray, and second Oscar Watkins, and is now deceased; Nancy Ann, wife of Francis Hall, lives in Pendleton county, Kentucky; Rev. William H., minister in a Methodist Episcopal church of the same county; Rose E., wife of Thomas Hunter, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Oliver Ford; Melissa D. died at the age of seven years; Isaac N.; Joseph S., the only one of seven brothers not now surviving, died in Harrison county, Kentucky; Charles S., of Bellevue, Ky.; Dora S. died in infancy. Sarah Crain, who married James Gray, by him had a son, Dalbert, who served as a corporal in the Spanish war, took part in the engagement at San Juan and was there wounded. He became a member of the regular army. He lived with his uncle, Isaac N. Crain, after the death of his mother, and went from his uncle's home to the war. A cousin of Mr. Crain, named Isaac H. Crain, served in the Civil war.

Mr. Crain was educated in Pendleton county, Kentucky, and remained on the farm until reaching his majority. On October 27, 1886, he married Miss Sallie H. Bonar, born in Pendleton county, in 1867, daughter of James I. and Eliza (Mattox) Bonar, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Bonar was born in 1805 and died in 1887, near Butler, Ky., and Mrs. Bonar was born near Foster, in 1848, and died in 1888. They were farmers and had six children: Nancy, wife of Thomas J. Carnes, lives near Butler, Pendleton county, Kentucky; Mrs. Crain; Lizzie died in childhood; William M., living near Butler, Ky.; Mary, wife of Clayton Glasgow, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Gertrude, wife of Robert Carnes, of Oklahoma City.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crain settled in Sandsuck precinct, near Butler, Pendleton county, and remained on a farm there five years. They then removed to Brown county, Ohio, and spent eight years on a farm there, coming to their present location in November, 1899. They purchased thirty acres of land, erected a very pretty cottage of eight rooms, and have put in good fences and other improvements. He has planted





a fine orchard and is now erecting an ice house. He and his wife have worked hard and have won success by careful planning and great ambition. He is accounted one of the substantial men of the community and has many friends. He is a Republican in politics and his wife belongs to the Baptist church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. He is a man of quiet manner, but genial and prepossessing, having a kind heart and generous nature. He is proud of his home and his family, as he has every reason to be.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crain, viz.: Joseph L., born in 1889, graduated from Bethel High School, took the Federal examination in 1910, and is now employed as time keeper for the Cincinnati Milling Machine Company; Roscoe, born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1895, is in the sophomore class at Bethel High School; Carrie B., born in Clermont county in August, 1900, attends the local school; Effie Fay, born in Clermont county in 1905. Roscoe was a delegate for the State Agricultural Association to the State Fair sent by Clermont county, which had two delegates. Mr. Crain is much interested in raising corn, in which industry he is an adept. He is president of the Tate Township Corn Association. He and his wife have met with some reverses, but have forged steadily ahead and have been generally successful in their enterprises.

Larkin Crain, brother of Isaac N. Crain's father, of Virginia, served in the Confederate army, and his son, James Crain, fought in the Union army. A cousin of Isaac N. Crain, Joseph Crain, also served in the Union army. Several relatives of the mother, Elizabeth Ketron, Crain, also served in the Civil war.

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### WILLIAM E. WISE.

William E. Wise, a prominent and successful farmer and stockraiser of Tate township, was born near Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, November 8, 1861, on the same farm where his father first saw the light of day in 1837, and is a son of George F. and Mary Ellen (Jennings) Wise. The father died in 1906, and the mother, who was born near Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, April 22, 1835, died June 7, 1863. He was buried in Felicity and she in Georgetown. The parents had a good farm in Brown county and were lifelong



Presbyterians. He held office most of his active life. The father of George F. Wise came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1802, at the age of two years, and his wife's father, Mr. Jennings, came to Ohio from the same State in 1800, when six years of age. They came down the Ohio river in flat boats. They endured many hardships and privations, but by dint of hard work and perseverance won positions of comfort and prominence. George F. and Mary E. Wise had three children: Henry, of Point Isabel; William E.; one child died in infancy. George F. Wise married second Mary Rebecca Barber, of Clermont county, and they had four children: Frank, living near Williamsburg, in Clermont county; Josie died at the age of three years; Ray lives near Batavia; Maud lives near Williamsburg.

Mr. Wise was educated in the Brown county schools and remained at home until he reached his majority, then worked for uncles for three years. On November 18, 1886, he married Miss Maggie Heizer, born November 19, 1863, daughter of John and Margaret (Kanary) Heizer. Mr. Heizer was born in Augusta county, Virginia, December 9, 1805, and died March 10, 1895, and his wife, born in Brown county, April 5, 1821, died October 26, 1891, both being buried in Brown county. They were successful farmers and had six children. By her former husband, Martin Miller, who died of cholera in 1849, Mrs. Heizer had two children: Granville Miller, who died of cholera at the same time as his father; Lizzie, the wife of Arthur Wise, of Felicity. Mr. and Mrs. Heizer had the following children: Joseph, of Covington, Ky.; William, a farmer of Williamsburg; Josephine, deceased; Sallie, deceased; Addie, wife of Will C. Sargent, living near Chilo; Mrs. W. E. Wise, who was born near Higginsport, Brown county.

After marriage Mr. Wise continued farming at the home of his uncle, Andy Wise, in Franklin township, Clermont county. In 1892 he purchased sixty-seven and one-half acres of land in Tate township, where they located in 1893, and he has repaired the house and other buildings, and in many ways added to the value and appearance of the place. He is a progressive farmer and is the kind of man who succeeds in any undertaking. He is a quiet, intelligent citizen, pleasant and hospitable, making no pretensions. He works in a manner which shows he has carefully planned his activities, and has the cooperation of his wife in his undertakings. Both come of good families and have numerous friends in the community.





## M. J. GROPPENBACHER.

M. J. Groppenbacher, a progressive and successful farmer of Tate township, is largely self-made and has reached prosperity by the industry and thrift of himself and his wife. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1866, son of Mack and Anna (Dart) Groppenbacher. Mack Groppenbacher was born in Germany in 1822 and came to the United States about 1858 and became a farmer in Brown county, where he died in 1870. His wife was born in Germany and died in 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. They had nine children: Lena, wife of Daniel Roth, of Cincinnati; Barbara, wife of Samuel Ryan, of Cincinnati; Jacob, of Brown county; Laura, wife of Jacob Trees, of Bethel; Matilda, wife of Peter Hartmetz, of Clermont county; Katie, wife of George Wurm, of Norwood; Gus, of Brown county; M. J., subject of this sketch, and Lewis, of Clermont county.

Mr. Groppenbacher was educated in Higginsport, Brown county, and remained on his father's farm until he was of age. He then engaged in farming on his own account and in January, 1893, was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Boggess, of Clermont county. She is a daughter of William and Susan (McClain) Boggess, and was born in Clermont county in 1870. Mr. Boggess was born in Clermont county in 1828, and died in 1900 and his wife was born in Kentucky in 1847, and now resides in Clermont county. Mr. Boggess was a farmer of Tate township and his parents were early settlers of Clermont county. The family were highly respected and substantial people. There were four children in the family: Ida, wife of Lewis McNutt, of Clermont county; Hattie, Mrs. Groppenbacher; Mary, wife of George Fagley, of Tate township; Mellicie, wife of Harry Floyd, of Tate township.

Mr. and Mrs. Groppenbacher lived one year on a farm near Higginsport and came to their present farm in 1894. They purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, erected the house and remodeled the barns. It is an ideal location for a home and the grounds are beautiful. Mr. Groppenbacher is a Republican and much interested in public affairs. He and his wife have worked hard many years to gain their present prosperity and are highly esteemed by all. Their home shows the result of thrift and orderliness inside and out, and has many modern conveniences. Probably no other woman in the county is able to do nicer work with a crochet needle than Mrs.



Groppenbacher. Mr. Groppenbacher's step-father, Lewis Wolf, served in the Civil war from Ohio, and performed most creditably in this respect.

Two children, who are a credit to their parents, have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Groppenbacher, William Earl and Susan Annabell. William Earl was born May 2, 1894, graduated from the Bethel High School and is now taking a post-graduate course there. Susan A., born July 25, 1897, attends the district school near home. They are bright young people and are being well reared.

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### WILLIAM HEINY.

William Heiny is a representative German-American citizen of Pierce township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He was born in Germany, October 13, 1869, son of Stephen and Frances (Doll) Heiny. The parents were natives of Germany, the father born in 1841 and the mother in 1850, and they came to America in the spring of 1880. They located on a farm in Pierce township and have since resided there. They were parents of seventeen children, of whom seven now survive: William, whose name heads this sketch; Stephen and Otto, of Pierce township; Mary, at home; August, of Pierce township, is employed as a fireman on a dredge boat; Leo is also employed on a dredge boat; Lawrence lives in Pierce township. The parents of these children became successful farmers and took an intelligent interest in local affairs. They are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of New Richmond.

Mr. Heiny received a public school education in Monroe township and at New Richmond, and as a young man joined the regular army of the United States as a member of Troop G, Fourth cavalry, serving six years, being discharged with the rank of sergeant. He served in the Spanish-American war. While living at Walla Walla, Wash., he attended night school for a time. For seven months he was employed as an attendant at Longview Hospital for the Insane at Cincinnati, and later for eight years worked on a government dredge boat. For the last three or four years he has been engaged in farming and has been successful in this enterprise. He is regarded with respect and confidence and is a broad, liberal-



mindful and upright citizen. He and his family stand high in the community and have a pleasant and well located home.

In January, 1909, Mr. Heiny was united in marriage with Mrs. Clara (Wolf) Werner, widow of Ferdinand Werner, and a daughter of Nicholas and Roselia (Schwey) Wolf. She was born in Clermont county in 1877 and is a descendant of an old family in Ohio. Mr. Wolf was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1857 and Mrs. Wolf in Paris, France, in 1847, and they are now residents of Pierce township. There were eight children, namely: George Longhouser, a step-brother of Mrs. Heiny; Andrew L. Longhouser, of Pierce township; Mrs. Heiny; Jacob, of Hamilton county; Mary, wife of Joseph Greis, of Cincinnati; Barbara, wife of George Brailer, of Pierce township; Charles, of Pierce township; Henry, of Norwood. Ferdinand Werner was born in Germany in May, 1838. The Werners were old settlers of Clermont county. He was a son of Frank and Agnes (Keller) Werner, and died in May, 1907, leaving a farm to his widow. He and his wife had two children, Frank, now aged seven, and Ferdinand, five years old October 5, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiny located on the farm of eighty-one acres, which had been left to her by her first husband, and there have since resided. Mr. Heiny is a Democrat in politics and he and his wife are devout members of the Catholic church. They have three children, Alberdina, born October 15, 1910; Clarence William, born March 13, 1912, and Helena Clara, born March 18, 1913. Mrs. Heiny is well known in the community, as is her husband. Her grandfather, Jacob Wolf, served in the Civil war from Ohio.

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### JOHN LUSH.

John Lush, a progressive farmer and fruit raiser of Pierce township, is serving as township treasurer and is well known and popular in his community. He is upright and liberal minded and he and his wife have a very pleasant home, which is known for its pleasant hospitality. He was born in Germany, in 1840, son of Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Linedecker) Lush, also natives of that country. His father, born in 1810, died in 1868, and his mother, born in 1811, died in 1881. Ferdinand Lush and wife came to America in 1853 and located in





Pierce township, Clermont county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were parents of five children: John, of this sketch; Christine, wife of Louis Rath, is deceased; Annie married Clement Taphorn and both are deceased; Margaret, wife of Thomas Spencer, of Locust Corner, Ohio; Nicholas, of Arkansas.

Mr. Lush began his education in Germany and after his parents brought him to Clermont county attended school for a time at Locust Corner. He remained with his parents until the date of his enlistment in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years. He participated in battles at Carnafax Ferry, Clyde Mountain, Fayetteville, W. Va., Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, and several minor engagements. He made a good record as a soldier and at the close of his term of service returned home, remaining two years longer with his parents.

In 1866 Mr. Lush married Miss Nancy J. Ward, who was born in Pierce township in 1847, daughter of Sanford and Elizabeth (Short) Ward. Mr. Ward was born in Madisonville, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1810 and died in 1882, and Mrs. Ward was born in Amelia, Ohio, in 1818, and died in 1884. They were farmers in Pierce township and had nine children: William P. and Adeline, deceased; Hulda, wife of Seymour Olmsted; Mrs. Lush; Martin Luther, of Pierce township; Mary, wife of Frank Holderfield, of Dayton, Ohio; Azenath, wife of James Bennett, of Pierce township; James H., of Cincinnati; Charlotte, wife of Aurelius Tuttle, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Ward had six brothers in the Civil war: Isaac, Elijah, John, Ephraim, Levi and Abraham Short. Mr. Ward's brother, Elijah, also served in the war. The six Short brothers enlisted from Amelia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lush located on a Pierce township farm after marriage and a few years later moved to their present place of forty-two acres, where he erected a nice house and built suitable farm buildings where they were needed. He has kept the place in first-class condition and has a well-kept space of ground around the home. He and his wife have worked hard and have won their present success through their united efforts, starting out in a small way and persevering in their work. Both are in good health and do not show the years they have reached. They are now able to enjoy many comforts and luxuries they could not afford in earlier life. He is a Democrat in politics and has held many



township offices, having been trustee, school director, infirm-ary director, and so on, and is at present giving very able and efficient service as township treasurer. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife is a member of the Methodist church.

Four children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lush, namely: Frank A., born in 1867; Charles Everett, born in 1870; Frederick B., born in 1878, and Annabel, born in 1886. Frank A., the eldest, is a dentist and practices in Madisonville, Ohio. He married Miss Maude Peak and they have two sons, Alviere and Harold. He graduated from Amelia High School, also Lebanon University. Charles Everett, the second son, married Miss Grace Patterson and they live in Cincinnati. He graduated from Batavia High School and for the past twenty-three years has been connected with an art firm in Cincinnati, now having an interest in same. He is a very bright man and has made a good start in life. Frederick A., a dentist who practices in Cincinnati, married Miss Edna McAlister, resides at Madisonville, Ohio, and they have one son, Edgar Burr. Annabel is the wife of George H. Madison, of Pierce township. These children were given good educations and all are a credit to their parents and to the various communities in which they reside.

Mr. Lush raises some especially fine pears, peaches and apples in his orchard, having some of the finest trees in his section of the county. He has reason to be proud of his fruit and has spent considerable time and attention in improving his farm in all ways since first locating on it.

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### MARION BUTLER.

Marion Butler is a native of Clermont county and belongs to one of the old and prominent families there. He was born in Pierce township, January 26, 1847, son of Ferdinand and Nancy (Dawson) Butler. The father was born at Hamlet, Pierce township, in 1820, and died in 1895, and the mother was born March 19, 1826, and died May 17, 1875, both being buried at Lindale. There were four sons and four daughters in the family, namely: Uriah B., of Mt. Pisgah; Marion, subject of this sketch; Julia Ann and Luella died young; Ann Eliza was the wife of Darius Welch and is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, de-





ceased, was Mrs. George Myrick; Alonzo died in the fall of 1911; Abner lives near Bantam, Ohio. The parents of Ferdinand Butler came from Martha's Vineyard to Clermont county at a very early date.

Mr. Butler was educated in the public school at Ten Mile and was reared to farm work. He remained with his parents until nearly thirty years of age, then for a year was a huckster, working up a good trade in this line and living where his business demanded. In 1879 he married Miss Susan J. Townsley, who was born near Nicholasville, Clermont county, November 23, 1855, daughter of John and Lucinda (Tompkins) Townsley, both natives of the county. Mr. Townsley was born near Locust Corner and his wife near Nicholasville. He participated in the Civil war four years and spent some time in the infamous Andersonville prison. Both belonged to the oldest Clermont county families and they were farmers of Pierce township. Mr. Townsley died in 1899 and Mrs. Townsley in 1890 and they were buried in Ten Mile cemetery. They had four sons and two daughters, namely: Rose, widow of Peter Walters, of Silverton, Ohio; Mrs. Butler; Frank, deceased; Albert, of Louisville, Ky.; Stanley, of Silverton, and Charles, deceased.

Mr. Butler and wife located on a farm at Ten Mile and later located near Concord School at Hamlet. They spent eighteen years near Lindale, but returned to their farm and erected a larger house. They traded their house for a store property and a residence adjoining, in 1907, and have the only mercantile establishment at Span, or Ten Mile. They have enjoyed a liberal patronage in the community and stand well in various circles. He is a Democrat in politics. They are self-made and worked long and hard for the property and success they now enjoy. Both are well known and represent some of the oldest families of the county. They are representative of the best interests of the community and have an excellent reputation. Albert Townsley, Mrs. Butler's brother, served in the Spanish-American war and went to the Philippines. He is a wealthy contractor and builder and now resides in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler became parents of three children, all born in Clermont county: Raymond, born in 1880, married Miss Mary Price, of Mason, Warren county, Ohio, and they live at Sixteen-Mile Stand, Hamilton county, Ohio; Wayland S., born in 1882, graduated from the Locust Corner school,



and when preparing to teach school died suddenly, in 1903, being buried at Mt. Pisgah; Miss Ethel M., born in 1895, graduate of Locust Corner High School, stays with her parents and helps her father in the store. She is a young woman of pleasant manner and is an excellent clerk.

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### EBEN S. RICKER.

In the antiquity and celebrity of its honored lineage and in honorable association with the material growth, political development and literary and social culture of the county, no family in Clermont has ever surpassed that of Ricker, which has always been in the foreground of all movements for the advancement of the county materially, as well as in everything pertaining to educational progress. The Ricker family is found very early in the Puritan settlements on Massachusetts Bay, and occupies a prominent place in the annals of New England in its early history and all through the colonial period, in which great struggle it was found battling on the side of humanity and the rights of the people. In Great Britain it is traced through a remarkable and distinguished pedigree back to the time of William the Conqueror, and its achievements adorn many pages of English history. This famous family descended through the Wentworths, illustrious personages on the pages of English annals, sprang from Rynold (or Reginald) de Wynterwood, a baron of great wealth, high renown and strong power, who lived at the zenith of his greatness in 1066, at the time of the invasion and conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy. The next seven succeeding heads of this famous family were Henry Wynterwood, Richard de Wentworth, Hugh Wentworth (who died in the year 1820 A. D.), and William Wentworth.

Twenty-one more generations of this ancient and celebrated family followed, until we find Elder William Wentworth, the first of the name in America, a historical account of whom places his first known appearance in New England in 1639, nineteen years subsequent to the historic landing of the Mayflower.

May Wentworth, of the fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, and a granddaughter of Timothy Went-



worth, married Jabez Ricker, by whom she had ten children. Jabez was born in 1742 and died in 1838. Deborah, also of the fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, married Joseph Ricker. Samuel, son of Jabez and Mary (Wentworth) Ricker, was born at Berwick, Me., July 7, 1776, married, January 17, 1790, Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jewett, who was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire, March 28, 1770. To this couple, the first of the family to settle in Clermont, were born seven children: Rufus, April 3, 1791, in Sanford, Me., died June 29, 1846, and is buried at Davenport, Iowa, where he was judge ten years; Jabez, born May 25, 1794, in Poland, Me., never married, taught the first school in Union school house in Monroe township, Clermont county, and was drowned January 12, 1841, in the Arkansas river; Benjamin Jewett, born in Poland, Me., July 7, 1797, was the father of the late Samuel G. Ricker, and died October 7, 1861; Samuel, born February 3, 1800, at Poland, Me., was senator in Louisiana in 1849, consul-general at Frankfort eight years; Susan, born in Poland, Me., November 1, 1802, wife of John Fitzpatrick, died September 10, 1854; the subject of this sketch, Eben S. Ricker, born in Poland, Me., March 9, 1805; and the youngest, Darius, born April 25, 1810, died July 15, 1855. Samuel and Susannah (Jewett) Ricker, parents of the above seven children, emigrated from Maine to Clermont county in 1814, settled in Pleasant Hill, then in Ohio, and later in Pierce township, where descendants reside to this day. They were a most worthy couple, with the marked characteristics of their respective families, Susanna Jewett being of the noted Jewett family so well and favorably known in connection with the Wentworths and Rickers. Samuel Ricker, after a long and useful life, of seventy-two years, died at Pleasant Hill, March 10, 1838. His devoted wife died October 20, 1855, mourned by relatives and the whole community.

Eben S. Ricker inherited the noblest qualities of blood from a long line of illustrious ancestried men of Clermont, and dedicated his life to science, literature and the service of humanity. He was liberally educated in the best schools of Southern Ohio, and married Harriet, daughter of John and Mary Pumpelly, who was born in the State of Maine, May 11, 1803, and sprang from one of New England's oldest and most respected families. The issue of this union was Celia Pumpelly Ricker, born May 21, 1830, married August 24, 1854, Dr. Hiram Frease, of Napoleon, Ohio, and Ellen T. Ricker, born May 16, 1835, married October 9, 1856, Dr. Z. Freeman, of Cincinnati.





Dr. Hiram Frease is deceased and his widow lives at the old Ricker home in Pierce township. They are given mention at some length in connection with the sketch of Charles O. Hays, which is to be found elsewhere in this history.

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### FRANK SNIDER.

Mr. Frank Snider, president of the Bank of Owensville, Owensville, Ohio, since its organization, in September, 1909, which office he has filled with dignity and great satisfaction, has been a resident of Owensville, Ohio, since the year of his birth, 1858, his parents being John and Maggie (Smith) Snider.

John Snider was born in Germany in 1815 and crossed the Atlantic when a young man to seek his fortune in a land where there was greater opportunity for business advancement. He was a tanner and a manufacturer of leather and his first settlement was made in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and later he removed to Owensville, where he continued his occupation. His wife, Maggie (Smith) Snider, was also a native of Germany, her birth occurring in 1818. She died on November 5, 1899, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

Mary, who is the wife of Peter Bichard, of Owensville, Ohio.

Andrew, John and Thomas reside in Owensville, Ohio.

Kate is the wife of Joseph Fitzpatrick, and is a resident of Chicago.

Frank, the subject of this mention.

Carrie, deceased.

Mr. Frank Snider pursued his education in the schools of Owensville, Ohio, later attending for a short period the schools of Dayton, Ohio. At the age of fourteen years, he entered his father's tannery, and there learned the trade from his father. He was thus employed for four or five years, but thinking that he would prefer another vocation, he and his brother, Andrew, established a flour mill at Owensville, which has been one of the principal industries of that place. A few years after the business was started, Andrew withdrew from the company, and Mr. Frank Snider assumed the entire business. He continued the business from 1883 to 1909, at which time he sold the mill. During the time he conducted the milling business,



Mr. Snider met with an unusual degree of success and because of his industry and frugality, he is now counted as one of the well-to-do and substantial men of this section.

Mr. Frank Snider was married in June, 1885, to Miss Mary Meyers, who was born in Owensville, Ohio, in 1860, and is a daughter of Minrod and Elizabeth (Hipt) Meyers, the latter of whom was born in Germany, in 1826, and died in 1896. The former was born in Germany, in 1833, and died in September, 1911, both he and his wife being laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery. They came to America in 1847, settling in Clermont county. He was a stone mason by trade and was known to the citizens of Owensville for many years as an energetic and enterprising man of affairs. He devoted three years to his country's service during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company I, Sixty-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. To this union were born five children:

Louis Meyers, of Owensville, Ohio.

Ollie, who became the wife of John Fatter, is deceased.

John is a resident of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Mary, became the wife of our subject.

Joseph, is a resident of Owensville, Ohio.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Snider has been blessed with four children, all born in Clermont county:

Louis, who was born in 1886, is a graduate of the Owensville High School. He is still at the parental home.

Carrie, who is also a graduate of the Owensville High School, is at home.

Olien was graduated from the Owensville High School.

Stanley, who was born January 2, 1899, attends the Owensville school.

The present family home of Mr. Snider was purchased in 1890, and is a very beautiful place, consisting of about two acres, and the general appearance of the place shows careful supervision and personal pride in possession of a comfortable home.

In politics, Mr. Snider is a standard advocate of the Democratic party and takes an active party interest in all local affairs. He has served on the school board and as township treasurer, and in the discharge of these duties, he has always been conscientious and faithful.

Mr. Snider might well be termed self-made for his success in life has depended entirely on his own efforts. He is counted as one of the most progressive and enterprising of the business men of the county.





## CHARLES O. HAYS.

Charles O. Hays, who carries on a farm in Pierce township, is well known in that part of Clermont county as a man of ability and energy. He has made a careful study of agricultural matters and carries on his work in accordance with modern approved methods. He was born in Shelbyville, Ind., in 1860, son of Seeley and Sarah (Bullard) Hays, the father at one time a general mechanic in Cincinnati. The father was born in Cincinnati in 1833 and died in 1907, and the mother, who was born in Connecticut in 1839, died in 1906, and was buried in Indiana. They had ten children, of whom six now survive: Charles O.; Perry, of Oklahoma; Harry lives in Indiana; Lewis, also of Indiana; Bessie, wife of Robert Winings, of Cincinnati; Mary, wife of John L. Nickey, of Van Wert, Ohio; Seeley, of Indiana.

Mr. Hays attended school for a time in Cincinnati, but is largely self-educated. He has mastered considerable knowledge on the subjects of astronomy, surveying, mathematics, physics, ancient and general history and general mechanics, and has lectured on history, geology and astronomy. He has made a special study of theology and the Bible and has made research into the religions of all people, ancient and modern. He is never satisfied to give up study, but expects to be a student all his life. He thinks deeply on various subjects as he studies them and is very enthusiastic about the research work which occupies his spare time. When fifteen years of age he was employed as a bookkeeper by a Cincinnati firm, but as his health was delicate, he came to the home of Eben S. Ricker as a farm boy. This was in 1876, and he expected to return to the city at the end of the season, or when his health had improved sufficiently. However, his work was satisfactory and he and the family were mutually attracted, so that he remained, and for the past fifteen years has had complete charge of the farm and its business. He takes care of the buildings, improving, managing the question of crops, and handles all branches of the work. He is a Republican in political views, and is much interested in general affairs. He had great affection and regard for Mr. Ricker, as well as for other members of the family, and they reciprocated the feeling. He honored the late Dr. Hiram Frease and considered him one of the best men he ever had the pleasure of knowing. A sketch of Mr. Ricker is to be found elsewhere in this work,



and in a succeeding portion of this article Dr. Frease is given more extensive mention.

On February 29, 1912, Mr. Hays married Miss Julia Noelcke, born in Cincinnati, daughter of Edward and Margaret Noelcke, who were born in Germany, and died in Cincinnati. Mrs. Hays is one of eleven children.

Dr. Hiram Frease, deceased, was born in Somerset, Pa., in 1825, and died in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1896, being buried in Spring Grove cemetery. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Frease, natives of Somerset county. He was educated in Cincinnati and began the practice of medicine early in life, in Pittsburgh. Comparatively early in life he retired from professional life and located on a farm near Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio, but spent most of his time after retirement with his family in Pierce township. He made a great study of political affairs and understood politics better than the average citizen. He lectured in medical schools and colleges and made a special study of history. He was partly self-educated and was a man of a large fund of general knowledge, as well as knowledge along the special lines in which he was most interested. His death was a sad loss to the community, where all held him in great esteem. His wife was Miss Celia P. Ricker, a native of Clermont county, daughter of Eben S. Ricker; she has one sister, Mrs. Ellen Freeman.

Part of the beautiful home was erected in 1828 and has stood the severe test of years very well. It has been improved and additions have been made several times, the last in 1892 and 1893, by Dr. Freeman and Dr. Frease. Mr. Hays is a close student of the political situation and has often predicted the elections, never making a wrong prediction. He is a genuine gentleman and occupies almost the place of a son in the home of Mrs. Frease, who says that in the thirty-six years he has been with her he has never spoken an unkind or unthoughtful word.

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#### A. C. IUEN.

Mr. A. C. Iuen, vice-president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Owensville, Ohio, is well known throughout the county of Clermont both in connection with his banking interests and agricultural pursuits. Mr. Iuen resides on his excellent farm of ninety-five acres in Stonelick township,



which he has nicely improved to the present condition of modern convenience. He was born in Boston, Ohio, in 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Theresa (Rosslett) Iuen.

Joseph Iuen was born in Belford, France, in 1820, and came with his parents to America about 1834, settling in Boston, Clermont county, where they followed the occupation of farming. Joseph Iuen passed from this life in 1909, after an active and useful life. He was a believer of the faith of the Catholic church and burnt the brick, also helped to build, the Owensville church, some fifty years ago.

Theresa (Rosslett) Iuen was born in Belford, France, in 1822, and came to America about 1834, and with her parents made her home in Stonelick township, Clermont county. To her union with Joseph Iuen were born the following named children:

Henry, deceased.

Mary, is the wife of John Slick, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Louise, married Henry Bauman, of Beechwood, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Joseph L., of Plainville, Hamilton county, Ohio.

A. C., who is the subject of this mention.

James, of Cincinnati.

Millie, is the wife of David Bauman, of Beechwood, Ohio.

Josephine, is the wife of Emil Parnell, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. A. C. Iuen attended the school in Jackson township until he reached the age of eight years, after which he became a student of the Terrace Park school. He received a good education, which has since enabled him to successfully attend to his business interests as the years have passed away.

The business career of Mr. Iuen began as a farmer, being associated with his cousin, Joseph Felter, and for a period of four years followed this occupation in this connection. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Iuen purchased a huckster wagon and was engaged in this line of business for some five years, after which he undertook the management of his father's farm for nineteen years. In 1904, he purchased his present farm, where he has continued to reside since.

In 1885, Mr. Iuen wedded Miss Elizabeth Berwanger, who was born in Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, a daughter of Bernard and Mary Frances (Cattecelle) Berwanger, the former of whom was born in Loraine, Germany, in 1824. After he settled in Brown county, he was occupied as a farmer, making his home now with Mr. Iuen. The mother was born





in France in 1839, and died in 1902. Mrs. Iuen is one of eight children:

Charles, deceased.

Charles, lives in Brown county, Ohio.

Maggie, is the wife of Henry Russlett, of Middletown, Ohio.

Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Iuen.

John, of Fayetteville, Ohio.

Annie, is the wife of Frank Russlett, of Newtown, Ohio.

Bernard, is a resident of Norwood, Ohio.

Edith, wife of Charles Straup, of Lynchburg, Ohio.

In connection with his farming interests, Mr. Iuen has been associated with the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Owensville since it was organized, in August, 1909, as director and vice-president.

Mr. Iuen is a Democrat in politics and is now serving out a term of county commissioner, having also served as trustee of Jackson township. For a period of ten years he was superintendent of the Horse Thief Association.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Iuen embrace the belief of the Catholic church, of which they are devout members. Mr. and Mrs. Iuen are numbered among the substantial people of Clermont county and enjoy the respect of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Iuen is possessed of remarkable executive ability, perseverance and enterprise and is a man of wide acquaintance throughout the county.

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### THOMAS DAUGHERTY.

Mr. Thomas Daugherty, of Stonelick township, who has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Clermont county, Ohio, has practically retired from active connection with agricultural interests, to which he has devoted his energies for many years. During the active period of his life he gave a great deal of attention to the raising of fine stock, as well as to general farming. He was born at Boston, now Owensville, Clermont county, October 13, 1847, and is a son of James and Rosanna (South) Daugherty, the latter of which was born at Owensville, Ohio, July 17, 1817, and died February 1, 1896, her remains being laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery.

James Daugherty was born May 1, 1818, in Bracken county, Kentucky, and died in 1870. He was a soldier in the Civil



war, participating in the one hundred-day service, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He was a cooper by occupation and was a resident in Stonelick township. To the union were born five children, all born in Clermont county:

Thomas, our subject.

Albert married Lucinda Patterson and is deceased.

Kate died at the age of fourteen years.

Martha Jane became the wife of Albert Brunk, of Owensville.

Annie became the wife of Charles Ulrey, of Owensville.

The religion of Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty was evidenced by their membership in the Methodist church, and their lives were consistent with their profession of faith.

Mr. Thomas Daugherty obtained his education in the public schools of Owensville, remaining at the parental home until he reached his twenty-sixth year, when he was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Roudebush, the ceremony being celebrated October 16, 1873. Miss Roudebush was born in 1849 in the home where she and her husband now reside, and is a daughter of James and Paulina Medaris Roudebush, the former of whom was born near Owensville, in 1821, and died in 1863, and the latter was born in Batavia township, in 1823, and died in 1876, both being buried in the Owensville cemetery. They were the parents of seven children:

Adelaide, who became the wife of our subject.

Leonidas married Maude Davidson, of St. Louis, Mo.

Lydia became the wife of James Hoffman and is now deceased.

Mary is Mrs. George Hill, of Cleves, Ohio.

Charles, deceased, married Minne Hensil.

Emma is the wife of William Reichard, a resident of Iowa.

James is a resident of Kenova, W. Va.. He married Blanche Fisher.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty settled on a farm adjoining the one he now owns and carried on general farming for three years, then removed to Batavia township, where they made their home for a period of eight years. At the expiration of that time they returned to the farm of Mrs. Daugherty's father, which they purchased. This farm consists of seventy acres of fine farm land and they have built additions to the house and barns at various times until they have modernized all of the buildings according to their own ideas of convenience and comfort.





Mr. Daugherty has always supported the Republican party, but his life has been too busy to admit of great activity in politics.

In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty embrace the faith of the Methodist denomination, in the work of which they take an active part.

Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are both members of prominent pioneer families of Clermont county, who were closely connected with the growth and development of this section.

Mr. Daugherty is a man of genial manner and is broad and liberal in all his views, standing for all that is for the good of the town. He is a great reader and keeps well informed on all public issues and questions of the day. Mrs. Daugherty is a great lover of flowers and devotes much time to the culture of flowers and plants. They have worked persistently day after day in the agricultural interests, finding ample opportunity in the duties of the farm for the exercise of their talents and industry and meeting thereby the success which is the just reward of earnest labor.

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#### FRED B. SCHAFROTH.

Mr. Fred B. Schafroth, a well known optical specialist and watchmaker, formerly of Cincinnati, has been a resident of Stonelick, Clermont county, Ohio, since March, 1910. He purchased seventy-six acres of land adjoining the village, rebuilt the hotel, can accommodate twenty-five or thirty summer guests and supplies special dinners to automobile parties.

Mr. Schafroth was born in Switzerland, in 1861, son of Samuel and Mary (Mertz) Schafroth, both natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was born in 1838 and died in 1906. The mother passed away when our subject was but one year old. He is the only one of the family of three children who came to America.

Mr. Schafroth received his education in Switzerland, where he also learned the watchmaker's trade, and followed the same in that country for seven years, coming to America at the age of twenty-two. Settling in Cincinnati, his home for some twenty-five years, he conducted a jewelry and watchmaker's store, and in 1901 became a graduate optician, which profession he has successfully engaged in to the present time. He



still maintains an office at Stonelick and practices in all parts of the county. He is well known and popular in the Swiss colonies of Cincinnati, having held office in all of them.

March 16, 1887, occurred the marriage of Fred B. Schaforth and Miss Bertha Karl. The latter, a native of Germany, was born in 1862, daughter of Carl and Mary Karl. Mr. Karl died in Germany, in 1888, and his widow is now the wife of R. Metzner, residing in Germany. Mrs. Schaforth has a brother and sister who live in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schaforth have one daughter, Ella M., born December 10, 1887, at Cincinnati, Ohio. They are members of the Lutheran church, Cincinnati, but for convenience attend the Baptist church at Stonelick.

In politics, Mr. Schaforth is independent, voting for the man he believes best qualified for the office.

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### WILLIAM A. BROWN.

Mr. William A. Brown, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Clermont county, Ohio, resides on a fine farm of twelve and one-half acres three miles from Owensville. He is also the owner of a splendidly improved farm in Goshen township, which consists of one hundred and thirty-four and one-half acres. He has accumulated his possessions through his own efforts and careful management of his business interests. He was born at Elenor, Ohio, in 1858, and is a son of James M. and Jerusha (Combs) Brown, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, in 1828, and died in 1894. He was a farmer in Wayne and Miami townships for many years. His wife was born in Elenor, in 1835, and died in August, 1911.

William A. Brown is one of a family of nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

William A.

Lydia, who is the wife of Wylie Felter, resides near Dayton, Ohio.

Etta married George McFarland, of Dayton, Ohio.

Alva is a resident of Indiana.

Frank is residing in Iowa.

Charles lives in Iowa.

Anna is the wife of William Burdsall, of Newtonsville, Ohio.

Ella is a resident of Covington, Ky.



Sallie, who married Clifford Rybolt, lives in Covington, Ky.

The education of Mr. William A. Brown was obtained in the public schools of Georgetown, Ohio, after which he worked on a farm in the neighborhood for a period, becoming proficient in all the details of farm labor.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Brown to Miss Jessie Knott, who was born in Belfast, Clermont county, in 1863, a daughter of Lytle and Abigail (Beltz) Knott. Her father was a native of Clermont county, having been born in 1818, died in 1902, and the mother, who was born in Hamilton county, in 1824, died January 27, 1908. They were the parents of the following children:

Adaline married Eli Boyer, of Clermont county, Ohio; and now resides in Virginia.

Mary Ann died in March, 1865.

Marvin, of Milford, Ohio.

Jessie married William Brown.

John, of Goshen, Ohio.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown settled in Miami township, where they spent some time, being occupied in tilling the soil. They removed to Wayne township, after a time, and later to Defiance county, Ohio, still following the pursuits of agriculture. They returned to Clermont county, and after three years spent in Miami township, they purchased the farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres in Goshen township, and there remained until May, 1912, when they removed to their present home.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brown eleven children have been born, all but two natives of Clermont county.

Clarence, who was born in Wayne township, married Edna Liming and their home is in Illinois. They have one son, Alvin.

Laura, who was born in Defiance county, Ohio, is the wife of Walter Bodley and resides in Miami township and is the mother of two children, Edward and Jessie May.

Jessie May, who was born in Defiance county, Ohio, is a teacher at Branch Hill, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Goshen High School. She holds a five years' certificate for teaching.

Clifford, who married Lena Burns, is a resident of Goshen township. He is a graduate of the Goshen High School and has taught some in the schools of the county. He is the father of one son, LeRoy.

Clyde is at home as a farmer.





Nellie, a graduate of the Goshen High School, is a stenographer in Cincinnati.

Elizabeth is attending the high school at Goshen.

Walter and Ida are attending school.

In politics, Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has served in the various township offices, including the office of township trustee, in which capacity he has served three terms. He is finishing his second term as a director of the Infirmary board.

Fraternally, Mr. Brown is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic order and the Woodmen, and to all of these organizations he gives full allegiance.

Mr. Brown is a genial, social gentleman and is justly respected in the community in which he resides. His desire is to cast his influence in the direction of morality, endeavoring to inculcate the principles of good citizenship.

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### CONRAD J. WISSEL.

Mr. Conrad J. Wissel, director of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Owensville, Ohio, is one of the progressive and representative men of Clermont county, and is well known as an instructor, having taught in the schools of this section for over twenty years. He was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, in 1857, and is a son of John Francis and Elizabeth (Baumgardner) Wissel, the latter of whom was born in Cincinnati, in 1827, and is now a resident of Stonelick township.

John Francis Wissel was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825, and died in January, 1907. He was a son of John Conrad, who was a soldier under Napoleon, and who came to America in 1838, to avoid the necessity of entering his sons in the German army. He was a farmer and raised his sons to the same occupation, and his first settlement was made in Union township, Clermont county, then moving to Stonelick township, where he remained until his death. John Francis was known as an enterprising farmer of Stonelick township for over sixty years. He was a participant in the Morgan Raid. In the family of John Francis Wissel were eleven children:

Philomina, who is the widow of John Chrisman, is a resi-



dent of Middletown, Ohio, and is the mother of three children, Nora, George and Charles, all born in Stonelick township. George Chrisman married Reba Jones and has two children, Donald and Edward. He resides in Middletown, Ohio.

Anna M. is deceased and was never married. She died at Heartwell, Ohio, in 1932.

Caroline died at the age of twenty years.

Conrad J., of this sketch.

Jacob married Dora Clark and to them were born two children, Mamie and Charles, both born in Cincinnati. Jacob died in 1895 in Cincinnati.

Joseph P. at home with his mother.

John died at the age of fourteen months.

Cecelia E., Mary J. E. and Francis M. are at home with their mother.

Andrew A. married Gertrude Dausman. To this union one son was born, John Francis. Andrew is superintendent of the Ice Delivery Company, of Cincinnati.

Both John Francis Wissel and his wife were devout members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Conrad J. Wissel attended the public schools of Stonelick township and finished his education at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. Immediately following his graduation he entered upon the profession of teacher in the rural districts. In the twenty years of his professional life he never had an assistant, teaching all the branches and thoroughly wedded to his work. He gave up his chosen occupation to be at home with his mother, who is declining in health.

The farm on which Mr. Wissel resides was first owned by John Williams; the father of Mr. Byron Williams, who sold it to Mr. Maxfield, and he sold it to John Conrad Wissel, the grandfather of the Mr. Wissel, of this sketch.

The two farms consist of one hundred and sixty-eight acres, with about sixty-eight acres under cultivation and the remainder in pasture land. The home was built by the father of Conrad J. Wissel and the general appearance of the farm indicates great pride in the farm and energetic labor.

In politics, Mr. Wissel is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and has given his support to that party since he reached his majority.

The religious belief of the entire family is evidenced by their membership in the Catholic church.

Mr. Wissel and his brothers are self-made, especially the





subject of this mention. He earned his way through school by raising tobacco and farming during the summer and attending school during the winter. He also assisted his brother, Andrew, through the Commercial College at Lebanon, from which he was graduated. Mr. Wissel has worked earnestly and energetically and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

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### FRANK W. WISE.

The "Meadowbrook .Farm" is well known in Clermont county, both for its great productiveness and for the fine grade of cattle and stock produced. The owner and operator of this excellent farm is Mr. F. W. Wise, one of the eminently successful agriculturists and influential citizens of this section. He is a native of the county, his birth occurring near Cedron, January 5, 1868, and is a son of George F. and Mollie (Barber) Wise.

George F. Wise was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1837, and his whole life was devoted to the occupation of farming. He was industrious and honorable, being considered by one and all as one of the reliable and substantial men of this locality. He was a son of Henry Wise and was one of eleven children. George F. Wise, the father of our subject, was twice married and to his first union were born two sons:

Henry Edgar, who resides near Point Isabel, Ohio.

William E., who resides near Bethel, Ohio.

To his union with Mollie (Barber) Wise, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, were born four children:

Frank W., the subject of this review.

Josie, deceased.

Raymond S., of near Batavia, Ohio.

Maude E., who married George Ireton, whose record appears elsewhere in this work.

The Barber family were natives of Ireland, the first of whom to come to America was James, the grandfather of our subject's mother. He settled first in Boone county, Kentucky, and there raised a family of eight children, all now deceased.

Frank W. Wise assisted his father on the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, becoming familiar with all the details of farm work, which enabled him to choose his life work.



In 1893 the marriage of Mr. Wise and Miss Minnie Fletcher occurred, she being a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Bennett) Fletcher, and was born near Moscow, in 1866. Her father was born at Neville, Washington township, in 1818, and died in May, 1896. Her mother was born near Moscow, Ohio, in 1823, and passed away in November, 1911. Both parents were buried in Calvary cemetery. They were the parents of eight children:

Addie married Thomas Norris, of near Chilo, Ohio.

Amanda, deceased.

William, of near Moscow, Ohio.

Ella, who married Robert Norris, lives near Moscow, Ohio.

Lucy is the wife of Edward Dawson.

James died in infancy.

George married May Delano and lives near Bantam, Ohio.

Minnie, the wife of our subject.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wise located on a farm near Moscow, Ohio, where they made their home for five years. At the expiration of this period, they purchased their present farm of ninety-eight acres and have one of the finest homes in the township. They have one child, a daughter, Hazel May, who was born in Washington township, in 1894, and is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Williamsburg, to which they give liberally.

Mr. Wise is one of the self-made men of the county and deserves all that the term implies, for it is through his own efforts that he is enjoying his present prosperity.

Mr. Wise is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, strong in his convictions, but in no way an office seeker.

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### HENRY G. SCHOBERT.

Mr. Henry G. Schobert is a retired farmer residing at Batavia, Ohio, who, after years of active connection with the agricultural interests of Clermont county, during which time he won a gratifying measure of success, is now enjoying a well earned rest in a pleasant home in Batavia. He was born near Batavia, Ohio, in 1856, and is a son of Frederick and Doretta (Prell) Schobert, both representatives of old German families.



Frederick Schobert was born in Germany in 1833, and in the country of his nativity he spent his boyhood. In 1852, at the age of nineteen years, he immigrated to America and settled in Clermont county, where he became one of the foremost agriculturists of the county. At the call for volunteers at the time of the Civil war Mr. Schobert entered the one-hundred-day service. He married Dorretta Prell, who also was a native of Germany, her birth occurring in 1825. She left her native home in 1853 to come to America, and to this union were born six children:

Henry, our subject.

Charles died January 29, 1912, aged fifty-one years.

Rosa became the wife of Randolph Sweet, of Batavia, Ohio.

Lena lives in Batavia.

George died September 9, 1902, aged thirty-seven years.

Clara, wife of Henry Reynolds, in Batavia.

Frederick Schobert was a great worker of the United Brethren church and for many years was a Sunday school leader. He lived all that he professed in his daily life. Mrs. Schobert was also an active worker in the same church with her husband and hers was a beautiful character.

Mr. Henry Schobert received the education afforded by the schools of Batavia township, and with the exception of one year spent in the West, remained at the parental home until his marriage. He was thus reared to habits of industry and thrift, early becoming proficient in the work of the farm.

The marriage of Mr. Schobert to Miss Mary Erion was celebrated in 1881 and her parents were John and Barbara (Hess) Erion, the former of whom was born in Germany, May 29, 1816, and the latter was born in Germany December 4, 1826. They were the parents of eight children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio:

Lena, deceased, at the age of nine years.

Christie died at the age of six years.

George died at Olive Branch, Ohio, February 1, 1907, age fifty years.

Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Wolf, lives in Clermont county.

Mary, who became the wife of Mr. Schobert.

Hannah, the wife of Thomas Carter, died April 23, 1910, age fifty-three years.

John is living near Olive Branch, Ohio.

Kate, of Batavia.

After his marriage Mr. Schobert settled on a farm near Batavia and for eleven years tilled the soil, and became en-



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abled to purchase a farm of seventy-six acres on the East Fork in Stonelick township, which proved to be the very best land in the county, on which he lived twenty years. This farm he afterward sold and purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres in Batavia township, which he still owns. Recently Mr. Schobert purchased a comfortable and convenient home in Batavia in which to spend his declining years.

As the years passed by four children have come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schobert, which constitute a family of whom they are justly proud. They are as follows:

Etta, who was born in 1884, married Louis Bauer and lives on her father's farm near Batavia. They have two children, Allen and Hilda.

Saloma, born January 12, 1888, died at the age of twenty years and is buried at Batavia.

Sophia, who was born May 28, 1893, is at home.

Ruth, who was born January 24, 1898, is attending the Batavia school.

Mr. Schobert has long voted the Democratic ticket and is unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He is interested in educational matters and has served on the board of education for several years.

In religion both Mr. and Mrs. Schobert are devoted members of the United Brethren church and the former has been steward of his denomination for a number of years. He has also served his church as trustee for many years. The lives of Mr. Schobert and his wife are in harmony with the faith they profess.

With practically few advantages in his youth Mr. Schobert started out to make his own way in life and placed his dependence on untiring labor and diligence. It was a splendid foundation on which to build the superstructure of success, and as the years went by he became one of the prosperous farmers of this part of the State. He is progressive and enterprising and deserves and receives the respect of those with whom he comes in contact.

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### WILLIAM B. CHRISTIE.

Mr. William B. Christie, retired farmer of Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, is an example of that class of men who by earnest and honest industry have achieved suc-

The first of these was the discovery of gold in California in 1848. This discovery led to a great influx of people to California, and the state became a great center of population. The second was the discovery of gold in Nevada in 1859. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Nevada, and the state became a great center of population. The third was the discovery of gold in Colorado in 1859. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Colorado, and the state became a great center of population.

The fourth was the discovery of gold in Idaho in 1860. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Idaho, and the state became a great center of population. The fifth was the discovery of gold in Montana in 1862. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Montana, and the state became a great center of population. The sixth was the discovery of gold in Wyoming in 1869. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Wyoming, and the state became a great center of population.

The seventh was the discovery of gold in Utah in 1871. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Utah, and the state became a great center of population. The eighth was the discovery of gold in Arizona in 1876. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Arizona, and the state became a great center of population. The ninth was the discovery of gold in New Mexico in 1878. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New Mexico, and the state became a great center of population.

The tenth was the discovery of gold in Texas in 1880. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Texas, and the state became a great center of population. The eleventh was the discovery of gold in Oklahoma in 1889. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Oklahoma, and the state became a great center of population. The twelfth was the discovery of gold in Kansas in 1890. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Kansas, and the state became a great center of population.

The thirteenth was the discovery of gold in Nebraska in 1891. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Nebraska, and the state became a great center of population. The fourteenth was the discovery of gold in Iowa in 1892. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Iowa, and the state became a great center of population. The fifteenth was the discovery of gold in Missouri in 1893. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Missouri, and the state became a great center of population.

The sixteenth was the discovery of gold in Illinois in 1894. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Illinois, and the state became a great center of population. The seventeenth was the discovery of gold in Indiana in 1895. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Indiana, and the state became a great center of population. The eighteenth was the discovery of gold in Ohio in 1896. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Ohio, and the state became a great center of population.

The nineteenth was the discovery of gold in Pennsylvania in 1897. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Pennsylvania, and the state became a great center of population. The twentieth was the discovery of gold in Maryland in 1898. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Maryland, and the state became a great center of population. The twenty-first was the discovery of gold in Delaware in 1899. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Delaware, and the state became a great center of population.

The twenty-second was the discovery of gold in Virginia in 1900. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Virginia, and the state became a great center of population. The twenty-third was the discovery of gold in North Carolina in 1901. This discovery led to a great influx of people to North Carolina, and the state became a great center of population. The twenty-fourth was the discovery of gold in South Carolina in 1902. This discovery led to a great influx of people to South Carolina, and the state became a great center of population.

cess in the battle of life. By his labors of former years Mr. Christie is enabled to spend the evening of his life in calm and peaceful enjoyment of a well earned rest. He was born January 16, 1838, on a portion of the farm which is his present home and is a son of Robert and Rebecca (Gaston) Christie.

The Christie family is of Scotch origin. The great-grandfather and great-granduncle of Mr. Christie of this sketch bore the title of Laird in Scotland, and the grandfather, Robert Christie, came to America when seventeen years of age as a British soldier and was a sergeant in Lord Cornwallis's army. He was an expert weaver and wove two coverlets for Mr. William Lytle, who gave him in return ten acres of land where the present site of Fountain Square, Cincinnati, now is.

Robert Christie, father of William B., was born on the farm now known as the Charles McKeever farm, across the East Fork from Williamsburg, in 1794, and died May 6, 1856.

Rebecca (Gaston) Christie, mother of William B., was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Montgomery, in 1788, and passed away in 1845. To her union with Robert Christie were born ten children, the seven younger of whom were born on the west end of the farm on which our subject now resides. Their names are as follows: Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Kittz, is deceased; Frances and Lydia died unmarried; John P. died at the age of sixty-five years; Margaret, who became the wife of Nathaniel Behymer, who died while in service of the Civil war, is also deceased; Mary Ann died unmarried; William B., our subject; Rebecca, who was the wife of W. W. Wiley, who lives in Blowville, Ohio, is deceased; Robert and Martha are deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christie were devout Christian people and were numbered among the substantial citizens of Clermont county.

William B. Christie attended the Marathon school and assisted his father with the duties of the farm, becoming well versed in all that tends to the making of a good farmer. His youth and boyhood were uneventful until September 28, 1864, when he enlisted in Company C, Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was sent to Chattanooga, where he, with others, was put in charge of cattle for Sherman's army, at Atlanta. Exposure to inclement weather in Georgia gave him rheumatism and he was sent back to Chattanooga and after a few days an officer came and asked who wanted to go their commands, and although he could not get up, Mr. Christie said he did, and was the only one who responded. On November





18 he joined his company at Pulaski, Tenn., and at 3 p. m., on the 23d, started on retreat to Columbia, fifty miles distant, where they arrived at 11 a. m. on November 24, with Hood following. There they fought a three-days battle before they crossed the river, where they fought two days more, after which they retreated to Nashville, having fought the battle of Franklin on the way, being one of the fiercest during the war, where they lost over six thousand in one and one-half hours after 4 p. m. He was later in the battle of Nashville. At one time at Nashville a ball singed his hair near the left ear. Later he was at Huntsville, Ala., then to Greensburg, East Tennessee, then to Nashville, where he was honorably discharged, June 1, 1865. After his release he remained on the home farm until his marriage to Miss Mary M. Williams, on August 15, 1869, after which he moved to his present farm, which he purchased from the home farm, January 4, 1870. At that time he began purchasing the interest of various heirs until he became the owner of sixty-seven acres, and has since added to his worldly possessions a fine farm of thirty-two and one-half acres in Brown county, Ohio.

Mrs. Christie was born on the East Fork, in 1847, a daughter of W. B. and Thursy Ann (Curry) Williams, the former of whom was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born near Batavia, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are deceased. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three sons and one daughter are living:

Olive, wife of Robert W. Christie, of Marathon.

Courtland, of Blairsville, Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio.

Curry, living near Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio.

George, of Williamsburg.

Mr. Williams had a mill in connection with farming, and was a successful business man.

Mrs. William B. Christie passed to her eternal reward November 18, 1910, and was laid to rest in the Williamsburg cemetery. She was the mother of five children, of whom four survived her.

Thomas C., who was born in 1872, married Miss Grace Gilmore, their home being in Lebanon, Ohio, where he is an attorney. They have three children, Loraine, Alma and William G.

William Edward, who was born in April, 1874, married Miss Zephia Innis and they reside with his father on the



home farm. They have one child, Alma Marie, aged four years.

Clara, who was born in 1876, is the wife of Frank Dimmitt, now of Newtownville, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Gladys.

Olive died in infancy. Annetta, who was born in 1881, is the wife of Raymond Weaver, who lives near Lebanon, Ohio, and has two children, Helen, aged five years, and Mildred, aged three years.

Rev. William B. Christie, uncle to our subject, was one of the most prominent of the early Methodist ministers of Clermont county and was most zealous in his work. He traveled over a considerable of the territory surrounding and often was compelled to swim his horse across the streams to meet his engagements. His birth occurred September 3, 1803, and a son of Robert Christie. Christie Church, of Cincinnati, was named in honor of this devout minister.

Mr. Christie favors the measures and methods of the Democratic party.

In religious matters both Mr. Christie and his wife embraced the faith of the Methodist church and in his younger days held many of the church offices, being class leader several years.

Mr. Christie is a type of the true Scotch gentleman—liberal, broad-minded, and during his active life was one of the most progressive and enterprising men of the county. He enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is acquainted.

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#### WILLIAM ELMER DUCHEMIN.

Mr. William Elmer Duchemin, who in his business career, through his enterprise and well directed activity, has reached prominence in the industrial circles of Clermont county, Ohio, is successfully engaged as a brickmason and contractor. He is thoroughly conversant with the best methods employed in his business and moreover manifests close application and diligence in his work. He is one of the native sons of Clermont county, his birth having occurred near Monterey, January 20, 1875, and is a son of Samuel J. and Samantha (Foster) Duchemin.

Francis Duchemin, the paternal grandfather of the subject



of this review, was a native of France, who, hoping that he might enjoy better business opportunity and secure more rapid advancement in the new world, crossed the Atlantic to the United States and settled in Clermont county in its early history. He chose for his home New Boston, which is now Owensville, became a farmer and brickmolder, and raised a large family.

Samuel Duchemin was born near New Boston, in 1847, and after receiving the usual education afforded the young men of his day learned the trade of brick mason from an uncle, Abe Duchemin, who lived near New Vienna. When he reached the age of maturity Samuel J. Duchemin wedded Samantha Foster and they became the parents of the following named children:

Permelia, who became the wife of John Carrol, is now married to Fred Switzer, of Spencerville, Allen county, Ohio. William Elmer, of this mention.

Edwin is a resident of Jackson township and is in business with his brother, William.

Paulina is the wife of Charles Rogers, of Madisonville, Ohio.

Joseph died in 1908 at the age of twenty-one years. He was three months old when his mother left this life, and was raised by his grandparents.

Samuel Duchemin chose for his second wife Miss Sallie Clark and to them has been born one child:

Mary, who spends a portion of her time at the parental home and the remainder with her sister at Madisonville, Ohio.

Mr. William Elmer Duchemin, spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, was educated at Monterey, and when but a young lad began to learn the trade of brickmason with his father. The father, Samuel, and his two sons, William and Edwin, have been associated together in the contracting business until a broken arm, in 1912, forced the father to inactivity for a time. They have worked on the Odd Fellows building and under Mr. James Barr, of Batavia, as journeymen. Their handiwork is also seen on the Masonic temple, the Farmers' bank and the Presbyterian church, of Williamsburg. They worked on the ice plant building at Loveland and on numerous residences throughout the county. The work of these gentlemen is satisfactory in every way and they are in great demand all over the county.

Mr. W. E. Duchemin was united in marriage, in 1897, to Miss Florence Emma Glancy, who was born near Pleasant





Valley, October 20, 1878, and is a daughter of Francis M. and Mary Jane (Gorman) Glancy, the latter of whom was born in Jackson township, in 1836, and passed from this life in 1881 and is buried in Hartman cemetery. Francis M. Glancy was born in Stonelick, June 27, 1832, and died in February, 1912, he also being laid to rest in the Hartman cemetery. He enlisted in the army of the Civil war in Company G, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, at the first call for men and served during the entire war. He was engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Tullahoma, Brown's Ferry, Bužzard's Roost, Rocky Face Ridge, Fayetteville, Savannah, Peach Tree Creek, Chattahoochie river and others. He participated in the grand review, May 25, 1865, and was honorably discharged on June 7, 1865. Mr. Glancy had four brothers in the Civil war, whose names are Philip, Clinton, William, Addison, all enlisting from Ohio. The Glancy family were among the first families to settle in Clermont county, John Glancy, the grandfather of Mrs. Duchemin, having come to the county when there were still many Indians in the locality. There were also deer and wild turkeys to be found in great numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Duchemin have had four children to bless their home:

Gwendolyn Imo was born February 14, 1900, and is a student at her home school.

Florence Adrian was born September 2, 1902, attending school.

Dorothy Edrie was born April 26, 1905.

William Allen was born December 28, 1911.

Mr. Duchemin votes the Republican ticket and is interested in all that tends to the betterment of his locality.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Duchemin are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in this organization he is well and favorably known.

The religious faith of both Mr. and Mrs. Duchemin is evidenced by their membership with the Christian church, of Monterey, he being a valued trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school.

The home of Mr. Duchemin is a fitting monument to his skill as a mechanic and is a credit to the township. He is progressive and energetic and has accomplished a great deal during his comparatively short business career. His manner is pleasant and his home and family are such that any man may be justly proud.



## HENRY S. WATSON.

Although he has been a resident of Clermont county for a comparatively short space of time, Henry S. Watson has won many friends. He is recognized as an upright and conscientious citizen, and a credit to his community. He is retired from active life and has a pleasant home in Jackson township. He was born in Washington county, New York, October 6, 1831, son of David R. and Lydia (Whedon) Watson, also natives of that county. His father was born March 5, 1806, and died October 6, 1890, and his mother was born March 21, 1811, and died February 6, 1871. He was buried in Cattaraugus county, New York, and his widow was buried in Clay county, Illinois. He was a merchant and mechanic and spent the latter part of his life in Georgia. Their three children were: Henry S., who served in the Union army; William D., of Clay county, Illinois, served in the Civil war; Mariah, wife of John McKinnon, is deceased, as is her husband also. William Terrell, great-grandfather of Henry S. Watson, served in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Watson attended the public school in his native State, later worked on a farm in Georgia, and from the age of fourteen years until the year 1854 he clerked in a store. In the latter year he married Miss Julia Wood, who was born in Southwick, Mass., February 3, 1832, daughter of William Wood and wife, who were natives of Massachusetts and spent their entire lives there. There were four children in the Wood family and the only one now surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Lucy A. Cushman, of Short Beach, Conn.

Mr. Watson and his wife remained in Georgia until 1857, then removed to Clay county, Illinois, where he became a carpenter and farmer, and later was a banker. He served as county treasurer and was always an earnest worker for the cause of the Republican party. He remained there until 1912, when he came to his present home and purchased seven and one-half acres of good land and built part of the house. He stands well with his neighbors, is pleasant and genial, and is very gentlemanly in manner and general appearance. He is a fine penman, and is well informed on the topics of the day. He has a very good memory and gained most of his education by his own efforts, for he has made his own way in the world since he reached the age of fourteen years. While a resident of Illinois he held many local offices of trust, and performed his





duties with ability and usefulness. Fraternally he is a Mason.

In 1862 Mr. Watson enlisted in an Illinois regiment for service in the Union army, serving nearly three years in Company C, Ninety-eighth mounted infantry. He was detailed on scout duty for some time, and served as port quartermaster at Macon, Ga., until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at the close of an honorable service to his country.

Mrs. Watson died in Illinois April 24, 1900, a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and held in high regard by all who knew her. She had two children, both born in Georgia, Laura S. and Henry E. Laura S. is the widow of John F. Rapp, lives in Clermont county, has one son, Harley, at home, and a sketch of her deceased husband appears in this volume. Henry E. was married in Illinois twice, now resides in Arkansas, and has five children: William H., M. E., Henry S., Jr., Mark A. and Ernestine.

On June 8, 1904, Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Vincent, a native of New York, born May 12, 1848, daughter of Van Rensselaer and Mary (Lawton) Vincent, natives of Dutchess county, New York, and both deceased. They had six children. A daughter, Cora, wife of a Mr. Vincent, lives in Los Angeles, Cal. She writes for a Los Angeles paper. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are members of the Presbyterian church and she, as well as her husband, has a large number of friends in Clermont county.

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#### JOHN F. RAPP (Deceased).

The Rapps were among the early settlers of Clermont county, and several generations have made it their home. They are representative citizens and have done much to help forward the general welfare and progress of the region. The late John F. Rapp was a native of the county, born February 20, 1849, and died November 25, 1905. He was a son of John and Rebecca (Roudebush) Rapp. John Rapp, a deceased farmer of Jackson township, was born near Straight Creek, Brown county, Ohio, in 1810, and was a son of Jacob and Mary (Heizer) Rapp. Jacob Rapp was born in Virginia in 1772 and died in 1846, and his wife was born in 1789 and died in 1868, and both are buried in Stonelick cemetery, formerly known as



Rapp cemetery, the land having been donated by Jacob Rapp and used as early as 1816.

John Rapp was a farmer in early life but in his later years bought and operated a saw mill on the farm still owned by members of the Rapp family. This farm was his home until his death. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Mary, deceased; Samantha, of Monterey; Olive and Jacob O., deceased; Emma, at home; John F., deceased; W. D. Rapp, of Sabina, Clinton county, Ohio; Sallie, at home. The parents of these children were members of the Christian church, in which the father served as elder. He was married in 1838 to Rebecca Roudebush, born in Stonelick township in 1813, and died December 22, 1891, two days after the death of her husband, and both are buried in the same grave in Rapp cemetery. Her father, Mr. Roudebush, was born at Hagerstown, Md., and her mother in New Jersey. He came to Clermont county about 1800 and he and his wife had ten children: Daniel married Elizabeth Rapp, and both are deceased; Mary married Michael Cowen, and is deceased; Rebecca married John Rapp, and is deceased; John, deceased; Paulina married James Rapp, and is deceased; James married Paulina Maderis, and is deceased; Ambrose married Ellen Patchell; Sarah, deceased; Francis J., who was familiarly known throughout the county as F. J., is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Roudebush were members of the Baptist church. The Roudebush and Rapp families were located in Clermont county before 1810, cleared their land a little at a time, and were hard working and industrious citizens. John Rapp carried on farming eight years near Branch Fork that opens into Stonelick creek, and lived there eight years, then located on the farm of two hundred acres which is now owned by his three unmarried daughters. He erected a very fine brick residence and in 1851 erected the mill. He was a Republican in politics, and for some time served as justice of the peace. He received a common school education and was so eager to learn that he made it a practice to study on the way to and from school. Throughout his life he retained a great love of reading and was an intelligent and clear thinker on subjects in general. He was a man of liberal ideas and was interested in everything that stood for the good of the community.

John F. Rapp was educated at Lebanon, Ohio, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He was a merchant in Illinois at the time of his marriage, November 5, 1874,



to Miss Laura Watson, born in Boston, Ga., November 9, 1854, daughter of H. S. and Julia (Wood) Watson, whose history is to be found on another page of this work. After marriage the young couple lived until 1877 at Iola, Ill., then they located near Monterey, Clermont county, and engaged in farming. Mr. Rapp was an energetic and industrious farmer and won success in his undertakings. He won the respect and esteem among his neighbors and at his death was missed in many circles. He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Owensville. He and his wife became members of the Christian church, of which he was secretary. Both were much interested in good works, which they felt would be for the benefit of the community and both had many friends. In February, 1910, Mrs. Rapp and her son moved to their present farm of eighty acres, where they built a beautiful home, selling the old place near Monterey.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rapp: Frank W., born at Louisville, Ill., April 16, 1877, died August 2, 1898, and is buried beside his father; Harley, born in Clermont county, November 20, 1881, is a graduate of Valparaiso (Ind.) College, and carries on the farm. He is a young man of good habits and follows modern methods of farming. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of county surveyor one term, as had his father. He is a member of the Christian church and stands well in the community.

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### ELI H. SPEIDEL.

Clermont county includes among her foremost citizens, Eli H. Speidel, who has been active in the public life of the county and his home town of Batavia for the last ten years. Mr. Speidel is an attorney with offices in the Hamilton Building. He enjoys a lucrative practice and represents many of the business concerns of the county, together with the Cincinnati & Columbus Traction railroad and the Cincinnati, Milford & Loveland Traction railroad. Mr. Speidel has the reputation of being extremely zealous of the cause of his clients and ever loyal in his devotion to their interests, and these traits have brought to him the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Speidel is a son of Henry C. Speidel, who was formerly





sheriff of Clermont county, and Lillie (Conkling) Speidel, and is the eldest of four sons, the brothers being:

Dr. Thomas A., of Felicity, Ohio.

Louis, who is a farmer living near Milford, Ohio.

Gatch W., who is in the automobile business at West Union, Ohio.

The subject of this review was born and raised at Milford, Ohio, and attended the public schools at that place. He graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1902, and was admitted to the bar in June of the same year. After spending a few months in Mexico and Arizona he located at Batavia, where he has continuously since resided and practiced his profession.

Mr. Speidel was married, in 1904, to Miss Alpha Frazier, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus A. Frazier, Mr. Frazier being one of the prominent lawyers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Speidel have three children: Russell Frazier is eight years of age; Anna Virginia is six years of age, and Charlotte is one year of age.

In politics, Mr. Speidel is a Democrat. He was elected prosecuting attorney in November, 1912, and by one of the largest majorities ever received in the county.

Mr. Speidel has always taken a keen interest in fraternal work, being a member and past master of Batavia lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 104, and also a member of Batavia chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Batavia encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Speidel are members of the Order of Eastern Star, and belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Speidel is widely known in Clermont and adjoining counties, where he enjoys the esteem of his clients and the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

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#### WILLIAM RICHARD BUSHELMAN.

William Richard Bushelman conducts one of the leading industries of Jackson township and is well regarded as a business man and as a citizen who appreciates the needs of the community. At his plant at Marathon he turns out first-class work in the lines of cement, tile and brick, and he also carries on general farming and stock raising. He is a native of Cov-



ington, Ky., born in 1858, son of Henry and Mary (McCarthy) Bushelman. The father was born in Germany, in 1822, and died in April, 1888, and the mother was born in New Orleans, La., in 18—, and died in 1861. Both were buried in Covington, Ky. The father was also a dealer in brick and carried on his business in Kentucky. They had eight children, namely: Mary, widow of Luke McDermott, lives in Pennsylvania; John, of Cincinnati; William R., of this sketch; Theodore, of Kentucky; Elizabeth, wife of Anton Frisch, of Kentucky; Kate, wife of John Overman, of Cincinnati; two are deceased.

Mr. Bushelman received his education in parochial schools in Covington, and at the age of seventeen years began working out by the month. He continued this most of the time until his marriage, in 1888, to Miss Mary Rosselot, born in Lerado, Clermont county, in 1860, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Clerce) Rosselot, natives of France. The parents came to America in their early married life and were among the early settlers of Jackson township. Mr. Rosselot died in April, 1903, at the age of seventy-eight years, and Mrs. Rosselot lives in Brown county with a daughter. They had eight children, all born in Clermont county, namely: George died in December, 1910; Henry, of Middletown, Ohio; Mrs. Bushelman; Frank lives near Newtown, Hamilton county; Kate, wife of Charles Berwanger, on Gladly Run, Brown county; Elizabeth, deceased; Julia, wife of John Boggs, of California; Charles, of Lerado. Mr. and Mrs. Rosselot and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bushelman were members of the Catholic church.

After marriage Mr. Bushelman held a position as gardener for three years, then bought his present fine farm of one hundred and forty-two acres in Jackson township. He rebuilt the barn, erected a silo and windmill, and in many other ways improved the place. He now also owns fifty-four acres of land near Greenberry, Ohio. Besides carrying on this farm he has developed a good business in the village of Marathon, where he employs six men and manufactures a high-grade of tile, cement building blocks, columns and brick. His output is shipped to all parts of the State and he has a growing demand for it. He is a man of probity and square dealing, and as such is much respected. He is hard working and industrious, being a self-made man. He started out in life as a poor boy and now, besides owning a fine farm, has built up a prosperous and growing business, which furnishes employment to a number of persons. He is broad and liberal in his opinions and is well





liked among his associates. Politically he is a Democrat and he and his wife belong to Vera Cruz Catholic Church.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. Bushelman and wife, all born in Clermont county: Clarence was born at Avondale, where his parents spent the first three years of their married life, February 5, 1889, is a graduate of the Lerado schools and runs a hay press; Charles, born in Jackson township, October 12, 1891, attended Lerado schools and spent one year at school in Owensville, and now works on the home farm; George, born September 29, 1893, is on the home farm; Ada, born January 21, 1899, attends school at Lerado. All live with their parents. The sons are industrious and ambitious, following in the footsteps of their father. All give promise of becoming good citizens and business men. The family have a nice home, with every comfort, and have many friends. Mrs. Bushelman's uncle, James Rosselot, served in the Civil war.

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#### JESSE OWEN RIDINGS.

J. O. Ridings is a highly respected citizen of Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he is one of the younger farmers and stock raisers. He was born at Hollowtown, Highland county, Ohio, in 1876, son of S. M. and Hester C. (Brown) Ridings, the father having been born in the same place, in 1851, and the parents are now residing in Goshen township. The father is a farmer by occupation and is well known in his vicinity. The mother was born in Edenton, Clermont county, and is now sixty-one years old. Her parents had to clear land for their farm, having located in Clermont county in 1810 from Knox county. They were Dunkards and settled in Wayne township. S. M. Ridings and wife had six children and have four sons living: J. O., of this sketch; Cyrus F., a farmer living near Monterey; Clarence E., of Hamilton, Ohio, is a traveling salesman; S. F. is a teacher of Clermont county.

Mr. Ridings attended the local schools and graduated from Goshen High School, then took a course in the Ohio State University, fitting himself there for the profession of teacher. He taught school seven years in Goshen and Jackson townships and during part of this time lived at home. In 1905 he married Miss Nellie Hutchinson, born in Clermont county, in 1875, daughter of E. J. and Marie Louise (Robb) Hutchinson, whose sketch may be found in another part of this work.



After marriage Mr. Ridings and his wife began housekeeping in a primitive log cabin, and in 1910, he erected their present beautiful home, which is a model of neatness and arranged for convenience and comfort. Mr. Ridings is a progressive farmer and follows modern methods. He does general farming, raising grain and paying considerable attention to stock. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally a Mason, his wife belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Ridings enjoys the good opinion of his neighbors and he his marriage was of considerable assistance to his family at home. He enjoys the good opinion of his neighbors and he and his wife are representatives of old Ohio families. Mr. Ridings had four uncles in the Civil war, three of whom were killed, their names being Frank, George, C. C. and William Ridings, C. C. being an ex-judge, of Kansas.

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#### AUGUSTUS FRESCHARD (Deceased).

Augustus Freschard, who passed away November 8, 1895, had been a resident of Clermont county, Ohio, for half a century, and is remembered as a merchant of uprightness and fair dealing, who had the respect of all. He was a native of southern France, born February 15, 1828, son of Nicolas and Rose (LaCroix) Freschard, who also were born in that country. The mother died in 1836 in France, where she is buried. The father had retired from active life, and, in 1840, came to Ohio with friends. He died in Darke county, Ohio, February 27, 1848, at the age of sixty-one years, and is buried at Versailles.

Mr. Freschard began his education in France and was a bright, active child. He was an ambitious student and became proficient in his native language. He began life on his own account as a clerk in a store in Darke county, and for some time worked in this capacity at a little town named Newport, on the canal. In this establishment were kept supplies for the men working on the canal, and it had a good trade. In 1861 he married Miss Mary A. Gomien, a native of Miami township, Clermont county, born in 1845, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Martin) Gomien, natives of France. She was the only one of their children born in America. The family located in Cincinnati, in 1832, lived there for some fourteen years, then settled in Clermont county.





After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Freschard located in Stonelick township and he kept a general store in the place now occupied by Mr. Will Craver, the latter having purchased the business of him. After conducting this business seventeen years Mr. Freschard retired and moved to Owensville and bought from Dr. J. S. Combs the home now occupied by Mrs. Freschard, one of the finest homes in the city, and kept up in very good shape, inside and out. Mr. Freschard was a man of modesty and loved a quiet home life. He was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church, of Owensville, and was buried in the church cemetery there. He was missed in many circles, for he was a man who did his duty and had at heart the best interests of all, being a public-spirited citizen. He was a kind husband and father and a generous, true friend. His wife is a devoted member of the church named above and helps in its various good objects. Her beautiful home shows the marks of taste and refinement, but contains the vacant chair which belongs to the father and husband who is so greatly missed.

Mrs. Freschard has four daughters, namely: Matilda, widow of Charles Von Weller, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Mary L., at home; Jennie F., wife of B. P. Wagner, of Sidney, Ohio, and Miss Clara E. at home. The two younger daughters are graduates of Ursuline Convent, of St. Martins, Brown county, Ohio.

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### WILLIAM M. FEE.

William M. Fee is the oldest merchant in Clermont county, having been in this business since 1858, and is one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Moscow. He was born in what is now Washington township, November 9, 1825, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Camery) Fee. The father was born in what is now Washington township, Clermont county, in 1804, and died in 1886, and the mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1802 and died in 1862, both being buried near Moscow. Jacob Fee became a general farmer in Washington township, where he made his home many years, and the Fees were among the earliest families in the county, coming there when it was very sparsely settled. They were active in early affairs and were valuable residents of the community. The parents were members of the Methodist church and had twelve children, all born in Clermont county: Eliza, wife of John Fletcher, who died in





1896; William M.; John married Miss Alice Allee and is now deceased; Daniel died in 1897; Enos died in childhood; Elijah is a carpenter and lives in Richmond, Ind.; Thomas, deceased; Sarah Jane, wife of James Mahan, resides at Anderson, Ind.; Elizabeth died single; Wesley R., a retired merchant of Moscow; Jacob Dimmitt lives at Edinburg, Ind.; Mary Ann died in infancy. The Fees came to Ohio at a very early date, from Bracken county, Kentucky, the grandfather and great-grandfather of William M. Fee.

Mr. Fee attended the public school at Moscow, Ohio, which were then typical pioneer schools, and for a few months attended a private school. Upon leaving school he became clerk in the store conducted by Nathan Keyt, in Moscow, where there was a line of general merchandise, beginning this work in 1848. In 1849 he went into business as a general merchant with J. R. Downs, and this arrangement continued two years. Mr. Fee's next partner, B. F. Fisher, who remained with him a year, and for the next two years he was associated in business with Robert Smith. He was in partnership with his brother, John, four years, and in 1858 engaged in business for himself, having at one time the largest stock of general merchandise in the village of Moscow, and this business has been continued up to the present time. For two years he was interested in buying and selling tobacco, and had a large warehouse. He is an energetic and industrious merchant. He is upright and conscientious in his dealings and has the full confidence of his patrons.

Mr. Fee is a strong Republican, as his father was before him, and has served in various local offices of honor and trust. He was mayor of Moscow and served on the school board when it contained but two members. For the past twenty years he has been a notary public, and for nearly fifty years he has been a trustee of the Methodist church, being an active member of the church. In 1851 he married Miss Emma Eliza Pinney, born in Vermont, daughter of Haskell H. and Melina (Towne) Pinney. Mr. Pinney was a cooper by trade and a cattle dealer in Vermont. He followed his trade in Moscow many years. Mrs. Fee died in 1884 and was buried in Moscow. Although she was reared in the Presbyterian faith, she became a Methodist after her marriage.

Mr. Fee married (second), July 14, 1885, Miss Elfa McKibben, who was born in Florence, Ind., daughter of Dr. Charles T. McKibben. Dr. McKibben was born in Augusta, Ky., in 1821, and died in 1893. His wife, whose maiden name was



Elizabeth Lindsey, was born at Rising Sun, Ind., and lives with a son and daughter in Cincinnati. For over eighteen years Dr. McKibben resided in Moscow, where he most successfully practiced his profession. He was a Republican in politics and very prominent in the Masonic order. He was a stanch Presbyterian. He died in Moscow and was buried in Augusta, Ky. Dr. and Mrs. McKibben had seven children, namely: Anna Maria, wife of James Handsaker, of Mattoon, Ill.; Hiram C., purchasing agent for a traction company in Cincinnati; Grace E. lives with her aged mother; Mrs. Fee; Gertrude, wife of E. C. Shelley, of Cincinnati; Dr. J. T., is a very prominent physician and an excellent citizen of Cincinnati, and lives with his mother; Dr. William, of Toledo, Ohio, like his father and his elder brother, is a fine physician and has won a good standing in his profession.

Mrs. Fee belongs to the Methodist church and is one of the charter members of the local organization of the Eastern Star. She has held all the chairs and is past worthy matron.

In 1878 Mr. Fee built his present home at Second and Elizabeth streets, one of the best and largest residences in the village, and had erected his store some years before this. Mr. Fee is one of the oldest men in the county, but is hale and hearty and is each day able to attend his duties in the store, assisted by his capable and efficient wife. Both are well fitted for this work and are highly regarded by all. Their home is known as one of the most hospitable in the vicinity and they have done many good deeds to their fellow men. Mr. Fee's brothers, Wesley R. and Jacob Dimmitt, served in the Civil war, as members respectively of the First Ohio independent battery, and in a regiment of heavy artillery, and won good records therein.

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#### FRANKLIN M. FRIDMAN.

Prominent in both agricultural and commercial circles, and known as a worthy son of one of the foremost of pioneer families of Clermont county, Ohio, is Franklin M. Fridman, who was born at Clermontville, Monroe township, in the home which he now owns, December 8, 1849. Mr. Fridman was reared and educated in the schools of the county, assisting his father, Franklin Fridman, Sr., on the farm, thus becoming





thoroughly conversant with all the details that fall to the lot of the successful farmer. After finishing the common schools, he attended Parker's Academy for several terms, after which he assisted his father in the management of his varied business interests, until 1895, when death severed the pleasant relations.

Mr. F. M. Fridman was united in marriage to Miss Ella Luke in 1875, and to their union have been born three children:

Miss Veola, at home.

Miss Carrie, employed in Cincinnati.

A twin sister of Carrie died in infancy.

Mrs. Fridman is a daughter of Charles and Mary Luke, both members of early resident families of the county. Charles Luke was born in Heidelberg, Germany, and came to America when quite a small boy. Mrs. Fridman was born and reared in Monroe township, and attended Parker's Academy.

Politically, Mr. Fridman is a Democrat, being now nominee for county commissioner. He has served in the various township offices as trustee, assessor, and has been a member of the school board for nearly twenty years. Socially, Mr. Fridman holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of New Richmond, Ohio. The family as well as himself are members of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

For many years Mr. Fridman has been an extensive dealer of tobacco and live stock, and has met with an unusual degree of success by reason of his keen business insight and practical methods. Mr. Fridman's characteristics include unswerving loyalty to personal and political friends, adhering to principle regardless of political favor, and limitless faith in whatever he undertakes. His personal qualities contribute largely to his successful career.

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#### CHARLES MITCHELL (Deceased).

The late Charles Mitchell was a substantial and highly respected citizen of Pleasant township, Brown county, and had a large number of friends. His leading attribute was kindness of heart and uprightness in all his dealings. He spoke no ill of anyone, but looked for the good points of his friends and acquaintances. His parents cleared land for a farm and were



upright, honest, God-fearing people and highly respected among the early settlers. Mr. Mitchell was born in Ireland in 1845, and died on his home in Pleasant township, Brown county, June 15, 1909. He was a son of William and Catherine (Murphy) Mitchell, natives of Ireland, who brought him, when he was nine years old, to Brown county. The father was a carpenter, contractor and farmer, and he and his wife had eight children, of whom three now survive: Elizabeth, widow of William Carroll, of Buffalo, New York; William, of Dayton, Ohio; Margaret, wife of Martin Talbut, of Buffalo. The father died some sixty years ago, being drowned in White Oak creek while crossing with a team, and the mother died in Buffalo, about forty-five years ago. Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll is known among her friends as a second Hetty Green, from the way in which she has managed her financial affairs. She has displayed great energy and thrift and made her start with her needle.

Mr. Mitchell was educated in Brown county and there learned the trade of brick mason, after returning from the Civil war. He had enlisted in 1861 in Foster's Fourth independent cavalry, in which he served two and one-half years, being eighteen years old at the time of his enlistment. He won an excellent record and after his return to Brown county, worked at his trade in Buffalo, N. Y. For a number of years he resided at Charleston, W. Va., where he continued to work at his trade. He returned to Brown county in 1879 and engaged in work at Georgetown, also becoming a contractor. He secured the contract for and erected the bank, hotel, commercial block, the printing office, and most of the prominent buildings of the town. He was a conscientious workman, and thoroughly looked after every part of the work he undertook.

In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Timany, who was born in Georgetown, in March, 1861, daughter of Patrick Timany and wife. Her father was born in Ireland in 1819, and died in 1901, and her mother was born in Ireland in 1829, and died in 1912, both being buried in Georgetown. He came to America as a young man and worked on coal boats at Cincinnati, and later in Georgetown, where he worked building pipes, and various kinds of work. He and his wife had eight children, five of whom are now living: Mary, born in Cincinnati, is a Sister of Charity and a teacher in a boys' college at Fayetteville, where she is known as Sister Mary; Bridget is the wife of William Moyer; Anna, Mrs. Mitchell;





Elizabeth, wife of Frank Campbell, of Forestville; Ignatius lives in Cincinnati.

After marriage Mr. Mitchell lived in Georgetown six years and in 1889 located on the fine farm of fifty-six acres where his widow now lives. He sold the house he had erected in Georgetown and built the present family home on the farm, as well as the other buildings. He set out the orchard and in many ways improved the place. He still continued his contracting in the town and had a very good business. He was a Democrat in politics and he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. He served as chief of police of a town in Virginia for several years while residing there. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were the parents of nine children, all born in Brown county, namely: Paul J., born September 12, 1882, a graduate of the Morris School of Telegraphy, is a railroad contractor, living in Norwood, Ohio, married Rosa Weiser, and they have two children, Florence and Louisa; Catherine Beatrice, born August 2, 1884, is taking a course for a trained nurse in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mary Elizabeth, born February 27, 1887, is at home with her mother; Charles V., born September 11, 1889, was nineteen years old at the time of his father's death, but took hold of the management of the farm and has since carried it on in a very efficient manner; Anna Agnes, born April 23, 1892, graduated from Georgetown schools and at the age of nineteen years became a teacher, being now employed in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio; Margaret Miriam, born October 7, 1894, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School; Leo Francis, born January 21, 1897, at home; Genevieve Regina, born January 10, 1900, at home; William Frederick, born September 19, 1902. The youngest child was baptized in Mt. Mary's Catholic Church in Georgetown, in December, 1903, by young Father Ignatius, being the first child baptized in the new church, and the first child the young priest had baptized. Mr. Mitchell lived each day by the faith of his church, and was greatly honored for his simple piety and his broad and liberal attitude toward all.

Mr. Mitchell was a self-made man and reached comfortable circumstances through hard work and earnest effort. He was left in early life, a poor boy, to make his own way in the world. He had an independent spirit and was eager to make a good start in life. When his parents decided to come to America he did not like the idea of leaving his native land, so at the time the ship was ready to sail, he took off his shoes, threw them





to his mother, returned to shore and walked fourteen miles to his uncle's home. His parents, meanwhile, grieved for him all the journey long, thinking he had found a watery grave. When they landed they found a letter from the uncle, telling of his safety. He was always very fond and proud of his family and gave his children the best care and thought of which he was capable. He was much respected for the manner in which he conducted all his affairs and for his high courage and honesty. Mrs. Mitchell is a soft-spoken, lady like woman, much esteemed for her many virtues, and held in great affection by her children. She owns a farm of seventy-nine acres on the Russellville pike road. All her sons who are old enough to vote are Democrats in political matters. Mr. Mitchell's brothers, William and Thomas, enlisted in the Union army, the former spending some time in Andersonville prison, and both served four years. William was sixteen, Charles eighteen and Thomas twenty years of age, and they ran away from home to enlist because their parents objected to their doing so. The father went after them and brought them back, but they ran away a second time and succeeded in enlisting their services.

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### MANVILLE LYON.

Manville Lyon is well known in the neighborhood of Edenton, Clermont county, where he has built up a good business in the past twenty-two years. He is a good business manager and has won success by his uprightness and honesty. Mr. Lyon enjoys the confidence of his customers and carries the best line of goods possible. Although his home is in Wayne township, Clermont county, his operations are chiefly within the boundaries of Brown county. He was born on a farm near Westboro, Clinton county, Ohio, December 29, 1861, son of Azel and Julia (Odon) Lyon, his father being a son of Thomas Lyon, who was a soldier in the Revolution.

Azel Lyon was born and reared at Whitehall, N. Y., and served in the War of 1812. He was twice married and died when his son, Manville, was but six years old. After the death of the father the widow had a home, but had to earn her living, with the help of her children.

The subject of this sketch received a good common school education and remained with his mother until he reached



young manhood. He began at an early age to earn money to help his mother, and his first recollection of work was dropping corn at twenty-five cents per day. He left home when he was seventeen years of age and went to work by the month on a farm, remaining four years each at two different places, in the latter of which he learned the huckster business, which he has since followed on his own account. He was married, June 7, 1884, at Midland City, Clinton county, to Miss Mary J. Conklin, of Westboro, where she was born. She is a daughter of James R. and Margaret E. (Morseman) Conklin and received a common school education. In November, 1886, this couple moved to Edenton, and in 1890 they were able to buy a huckster business for themselves. It was small at first, but by his honorable dealing Mr. Lyon has added to his list of customers, year by year, until he has an extensive trade. In 1899 he added farming to his business, purchasing seventy-eight acres near his home.

Mr. Lyon has done business with some of his customers ever since he began operations on his own account, and is on excellent terms with them. He has stopped on his rounds every time he made a trip, for the past twenty-two years, with one customer, where he remains over night. He takes an interest in everything affecting the general welfare and prosperity of the region and in politics is a Democrat. He has served as township treasurer and has been school treasurer for ten years. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masons at Blanchester, and has filled all the chairs in the former. He is a representative citizen, well regarded by all, industrious and energetic, and has many friends.

Six children were born to Mr. Lyon and his wife, namely: Emmett, who was a student in the high school at Blanchester, died at the age of eighteen years; Margaret E., a graduate of the Blanchester High School, in the class of 1910, attended Wesleyan College, at Delaware, Ohio, one year; two children died in infancy; Tacy is at home with her parents, and Galen M. The family have a pleasant home in Edenton, and the farm land is well improved.

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### ROBERT L. JOHNSTON.

The Johnston Paint Company 224-30 Main street, Cincinnati, wholesale and retail dealers and manufacturers of paints, oils and paint supplies of all kinds, is well known over the





entire United States by reason of the excellency of their products and the business integrity and enterprising methods of the men who are at the head of the concern. The company makes a specialty of "Johnston's Dull Kote" paint, which gives such perfect satisfaction in every way.

The officials of the company are as follows: R. F. Johnston, president; R. L. Johnston, vice-president; W. G. Johnston, secretary, and H. P. Aiken, treasurer. The board of directors are: R. F. Johnston, R. L. Johnston, W. G. Johnston, H. P. Aiken, B. F. Bruenger, Charles Boalt and Lowe Emerson.

The Johnston Paint Company was incorporated in 1905, with a capitalization of \$50,000, and employs nine traveling representatives, who distribute their goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to Mexico. The growth and progress of this company has been very gratifying to all who are interested in any way.

Mr. Robert L. Johnston is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Moscow, August 30, 1846. He is a son of William and Mary (Fee) Johnston, the latter being also a native of the county and died in the forty-seventh year of her age, at her home in Moscow, Ohio.

William Johnston was born at Campbell, Scotland, in 1806, and came to America with his widowed mother when he was nine years of age. They located at Nicholasville, Monroe township, and there William was reared and educated in the school at that place. Later he studied medicine and practiced at Moscow, where he resided until his death, in 1876. He was a Mason, being a Knight Templar.

The marriage of Mr. Johnston to Miss Mary Pattison was celebrated in Moscow, Ohio. Her father, W. G. Pattison, resides in Brown county, where she was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have had six children born to their union: Robert F.; L. P. is in the War Department at Washington, D. C., where he was married, and is the father of one child, a daughter; W. G., of Cincinnati, is a member of the Johnston Paint Company; Miss Mary A., at home; Mrs. Dr. George Lane, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. C. B. Jones, of Cincinnati, is the mother of one child.

The life of Mr. Johnston has been one of great activity in business, and is an example of that class of men who, by their earnest and honest industry, have achieved success in the battle of life, being rewarded by a measure of prosperity.



## JOSEPH FOSTER WEAVER.

Joseph Foster Weaver, who resides at Batavia, Ohio, in a beautiful home, which consists of three well-laid lots and a splendid modern house, at the corner of Broadway and Water streets, conducts a thriving feed business, operating under the firm name of J. F. Weaver & Sons. The firm enjoys a large patronage and is well known throughout Clermont county for their prompt and efficient service.

Joseph Foster Weaver, who is a son of Henry Griffith and Ellen (Foster) Weaver, was born in Batavia township. Henry Griffith Weaver was a captain of the militia in the early days before the Civil war. He passed away in 1891 and is buried in the Union Citizens' cemetery. Ellen (Foster) Weaver died in 1879. Both of these good people were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Whig and cast his vote for William H. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were the parents of seven children:

Laura V., married Martin Wood. They had two children. Mrs. Wood is deceased.

William, died at the age of five years.

Ulysses Randolph, deceased. He left five children.

Eben Idephard, deceased. He had no children.

Joseph F., the subject of this sketch.

John W., deceased. He left no children.

Charles H. lives in Batavia township, and has three children.

John Weaver, the paternal great-grandfather of Joseph Weaver, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, while his maternal grandfather, Thomas Foster, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Joseph Foster Weaver was reared on the home farm of his father, and received a good common school education. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, assisting his father in the duties that fall to the lot of the average farmer.

When Mr. Weaver left home, he did so to attend the commercial college of Higginsport, Ky., which is a branch of the commercial college of Cincinnati.

Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Eva Applegate, in 1879. She is a daughter of Nelson and Jane (Tate) Applegate. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have eight children:



Homer Foster, is one of the firm of J. F. Weaver & Sons. He lives at home.

Lloyd, also one of the firm and lives at home.

Ethel, is a graduate of the Batavia High School. She attended the college at Oxford, Ohio, for two terms, and at the Wesleyan College at Delaware for one term, and at the Ohio State University. She is a teacher in the high school at Batavia.

Frank W., a member of the firm.

Lulu Belle, a graduate of the Batavia High School.

Ruth, is in the high school, class of 1913.

Dale, at home.

Harold, agent for the "Cincinnati Post."

Mr. Weaver is a Republican and a member of the Batavia Lodge, No. 104, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Methodist church, while Mrs. Weaver is a member of the Presbyterian church. The family attend both churches.

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### FRANKLIN FRIDMAN.

Franklin Fridman's record as a progressive and honorable business man of Clermont county for many years entitles him to representation among the honored dead of the county. He resided for fifty-four years at Clermontville, where he won the respect and high esteem of all with whom he was associated by his kindly purposes and upright conduct.

Mr. Fridman was born in Stolhoven, in the principality of Baden, Germany, on the River Rhine, October 4, 1816, and died August 21, 1895, his life taken by a negro. He was the youngest son of George and Elizabeth (daughter of Michael Miller) Fridman, who had six children born to them: Leonard, who came to America about 1830 and was a contractor in the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and who died in 1889, aged about eighty years; Mathias, who died, aged eighty-eight years; Franklin, Theresa, Sabina and Elizabeth.

The mother and two sisters died in Germany. In 1833, the family started for America, but the father died in France while en route. They spent a little time in Baltimore then moved to Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., finally locating at Rockford, Ind., on the White river, near the present site of Seymour.





When only eighteen years old, Franklin came on to Cincinnati, alone, to learn boiler making under Thomas Justice and Mr. Banks, following the same for two years under Richard Dumont and Mr. Parker.

Mr. Fridman was second engineer on the "Lady Scott," the first steam packet plying the Ohio river between Maysville and Cincinnati, for nearly a year, when he met with a severe accident to his hand, which compelled him to give up this work. He then began peddling over parts of Ohio and Kentucky, on foot. In this business, Mr. Fridman was most successful, and he was enabled to locate, in 1839, on Boat Run, near the Ohio river. Shortly after this time he established a store near the present home of his son, Franklin M., and subsequently built a large store and warehouse in Clermontville, where he conducted one of the largest general stores in Clermont county until 1880, when he transferred that business to his three oldest sons, and by them carried on until a few years since.

Mr. Fridman married, September 9, 1840, Rebecca Bushman (daughter of Demos and Elizabeth Bushman, early settlers of Clermont county). To this union was born the following children: George Henry, Lewis L., Franklin M., Lincoln W., Charles A. (died in infancy), Elizabeth (Tomkins), Annie (Rice). Mrs. Fridman is deceased.

On September 28, 1859, Mr. Fridman married a second time, to Millie A. Bushman (daughter of William and Drucilla Houseman Bushman). Their children are as follows: Calvin D., William M., Leonidas S., Fred W., Belle, Wallace and Grace (deceased).

Mrs. Fridman was born, April 5, 1835, and passed away January 31, 1897, in the sixty-second year of her life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fridman were members of the Christian church.

Politically, Mr. Fridman was a staunch Democrat and was often solicited and strongly urged to accept a candidacy for office, but refused because of his many other public interests. He was a director and one of the largest stockholders of the First National Bank of New Richmond from its organization and was president from 1880 until his death. He was for years a director of the Clermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was one of the owners of the "Virginia Home" steamboat, plying between Foster's Landing and Cincinnati. For many years this enterprising man of affairs built and owned a large number of flat boats trading on the Ohio river,



and with Mr. Theodore Steelman owned and operated at New Richmond, Ohio, the largest steam saw mill in Clermont county, which was afterwards incorporated as the Fridman Lumber Company, and is now owned and operated by his sons.

On the exchange in Cincinnati and in the business circles of Southern Ohio, Mr. Fridman's name and word were ever held in high regard. A man of strictest integrity, but ever public-spirited, doing much to relieve the distress of the deserving poor. Never taking advantage of the necessities of others for his own gain.

Mr. Fridman was strong in his convictions of right and wrong, and never allowed himself to be turned from his decisions. One instance of this trait of character: Nearly all the merchants of his time handled whiskey to a certain extent, but feeling that he could not conscientiously sell liquor he could never be persuaded to do so. Such a character, as this well deserves the most reverent remembrance.

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### JOHN W. LYTLE.

Mr. John W. Lytle, whose death occurred December 7, 1875, was for many years a well known farmer of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio. He represented one of the oldest families of this part of the State, the name of Lytle having been closely interwoven with the history of the county for many years. John W. Lytle was a son of John and Dorcas (Warring) Lytle, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the former being a brother of Gen. William Lytle, known as the founder of Clermont county.

John W. Lytle was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Wiseman, who was born in Manchester, England, in January, 1828, the marriage rites being solemnized on January 15, 1856. Isabella Wiseman is a daughter of Rev. John and Christina (Thompson) Wiseman, both of Scotch nativity, of Ayrshire and Lanarkshire, Scotland, respectively. They came to America in 1851, settling at Paterson, N. J. Rev. John Wiseman was ordained to the ministry in Glasgow, Scotland, having been graduated at St. Andrews. He became a Presbyterian minister in England and accepted a pastorate at Paterson, N. J. He later came to Clermont county, where for many





years he preached at Williamsburg and elsewhere in the county. His death occurred May 2, 1876, at the home of a son, Gavin Wiseman, at Danville, Ky.

Gavin E. Wiseman, a brother of Mrs. Lytle of this mention, entered Hanover College in 1851, remaining until 1853, after which he entered Centre College, at Danville, Ky., from which institution he graduated in 1858. He was engaged in the dry-goods business at Danville until 1902, when he retired from active life.

Mrs. John Wiseman, the mother of Mrs. Lytle, passed away at the home of a daughter, at Springfield, Ohio, a few years after the death of her husband.

Mrs. Lytle has resided at her present home near Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio, for the past fifty-one years. During the Civil war the Confederate soldiers camped in the yard during John Morgan's raid, and Major Weber used the home as an office for a time.

The union of John W. and Isabella (Wiseman) Lytle has been blessed with three children:

John W., a prominent business man of Williamsburg, who makes his home with his widowed mother.

Mrs. T. G. Foster.

Mrs. Dr. D. L. Hines, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

During his life time, Mr. Lytle affiliated with the Democratic party and served in many of the school offices, being school treasurer at the time of his death.

Mrs. Lytle is an earnest Presbyterian and has always taken an active part in all that tends to the betterment of those around her, doing good at all times, a living example of the faith she professes.

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## WILLIAM CRAVER.

Mr. William Craver, conducting a profitable general store at Quaver, Clermont county, Ohio, has various other interests, including farming and trucking, operating several wagons. His intense and well directed activity has merited the success that has come to him. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, and which was purchased by his father in the pioneer days of the county, in Stonelick township, in 1868, and is a son of John Peter and Johanna (Cullen) Craver.



John Peter Craver was born in Germany in 1846 and came to America when a very young man. He located in Clermont county soon after his arrival, where he kept a hotel and farmed at Perintown, in addition to his hotel interests. He had been a farmer of Clermont county for forty-four years when his death occurred in 1904.

Johanna (Cullen) Craver was born in Ireland in 1834, and passed from this life in 1894. To her union with John Peter Craver were born the following named children:

Mary died at the age of five or six years.

Cecelia died at the age of eighteen years.

Ellie, who became the wife of Charles Goman, died about 1896.

Christopher died at the age of twelve years.

William, of this mention.

Louis lives at Owensville, Ohio.

Carrie is the wife of Augustus Calier and resides at Batavia.

James, a resident of Allensburg, Ohio.

Gilbert is in the navy.

John Peter and Johanna (Cullen) Craver were devout members of the Catholic church, being pioneer members in this section.

The education of Mr. William Craver was obtained in the Mt. Zion school in Stonelick township and acquired experience in the huckster business by running the wagon for his father until he became twenty-three years of age.

The marriage of Mr. William Craver to Miss Josephine Gomen took place in 1891. She was born at Olive Branch, Ohio, in 1870, a daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Gomen, both parents being natives of France, the former having been born in 1821 and died in 1886. Mrs. Gomen lives with her son at Madisonville, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, all born in Clermont county.

William, of Norwood, Ohio.

Louis, makes his home with Mr. Craver.

Aim is a resident of Illinois.

John is a resident of one of the suburbs of Cincinnati.

Josephine, Mrs. William Craver.

Bert is a resident of Newtown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomen were devoted members of the Catholic church.

After his marriage Mr. Craver purchased the old home farm of one hundred and ten acres in Stonelick, which he has im-



proved and modernized to suit himself and the family. In addition he is engaged in running the huckster wagon, raising the supplies on the farm. In 1892, he purchased the store which he is now operating, from his father, and enjoys a fine patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Craver are the parents of seven children, all born in Stonelick township:

Marie, born in 1892, is at home.

Ethel, was born in 1894, and is a graduate of the Owensville High School, and of the Wilson Business College, having graduated in short hand. She is also at home.

William, who was born in 1897, is a student of the Owensville school.

Leon, born in 1899, is attending school at Mt. Zion, in Stonelick township.

John, born in 1902, is a student at Mt. Zion.

Alice, born in 1905, is attending school at Mt. Zion.

Alvin, born in 1906, attends school at Mt. Zion.

In politics, Mr. Craver is a Democrat, voting for the men and measures of the party, but he has never had political aspirations for himself, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He has served on the board of education for a number of years.

Mr. Craver is largely self-made and has made the most of each opportunity as it presented itself and through perseverance has worked his way to the ranks of the well-to-do of the community in which he lives. By his honest dealings he has won the respect and high regard of his fellow citizens. He is well informed and is broad and liberal in his views on all questions.

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### BENJAMIN E. CURLIS.

Among the successful and enterprising young business men of Clermont county, Ohio, are many who are born and reared on the farm and spent their boyhood days gaining a foundation for a life of activity and energy. Such a man is Mr. Benjamin E. Curlis, a son of Joseph and Eliza (Watson) Curlis. He is the owner and proprietor of a profitable saw mill at New Marathon, and is conducting his business in accordance with the progressive ideas of modern times. His concentration on his business interests has brought to him





prosperity and substantial advancement. He was born in Paloski, Ky., December 15, 1883.

Joseph Curlis was born near Afton, Ohio, in 1855, and Eliza (Watson) Curlis was born in 1855. They are resident farmers of Brown county, living near Fayetteville, Ohio. They became the parents of three children:

Benjamin E., the subject of this mention.

Oscar, of Marathon, has a small interest in the mill.

Nellie is at home.

Joseph is a son of John Curlis, a veteran of the Civil war.

The educational privileges of Benjamin E. Curlis were those afforded by the public school system of Brown county. He remained at home on the farm until 1894, when he was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Morgan, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1883, and is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Malott) Morgan, the former of whom was born in Brown county in 1846, and the latter also a native of Brown county, was born in 1867. They are prosperous farmers of Brown county, and in their family have been seven children:

Addie, at home.

Ella, the wife of Mack Hessler, residents of Brown county.

Mollie, who is Mrs. Curlis.

Allen, of Bethel, Ohio.

Lee, at home.

Bertha, is also at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Curlis located on a farm in Brown county, near Fayetteville, and there his early training along agricultural lines assisted him greatly in the management of his farming interests. He spent seven years on this farm and at the end of this time removed to their beautiful new home on the Milford and Hillsboro pike, west of Marathon. This farm consists of one hundred and sixty-eight acres of highly cultivated land and the home is modern in every respect.

In 1903, Mr. Curlis added to his agricultural interests, those connected with the saw mill business, and now has in his employ from ten to twelve men, and is doing a splendid business.

Mr. and Mrs. Curlis have had two children to bless their union:

Joseph Ralph, aged three years.

Mildred, born February 23, 1912, died June 9, 1912.

Mr. Curlis is a man of broad outlook, readily recognizing opportunities and bringing to bear the practical in the accomplishment of the ideal. In business transactions he is the soul



of honor and deserves all the praise called forth by the term self-made, for it is by his own efforts that he is enjoying his present prosperity.

Mr. Curlis exercises his right of franchise in support of men and measures of the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since reaching his majority.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Curlis is one of the pleasant, refined homes of the county, and there hospitality and good will abound. Mr. Curlis has accomplished much during his short business career and the family is well known in the community, and the members of the household enjoy an enviable position in social circles.

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### W. H. LEEDS.

Mr. W. H. Leeds is one of the most popular, energetic and progressive farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of this community for his many sterling qualities and excellent traits of character. Mr. Leeds resides on his handsome farm of ninety-eight acres in Jackson township, known throughout the county. Mr. Leeds devotes his land to general farming and stock raising, giving much attention to pure blood Jersey cattle. He also owns forty acres of good land near Marathon, Brown county, which he devoted entirely to pasture. Mr. Leeds was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1874, and is a son of Moses and Emily (Simpkins) Leeds.

Moses Leeds was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, January 18, 1838, and is at present a resident of Brown county, where he is living in retirement, after an active life as a farmer. He gave three years and three months time to his country at the time of the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Fifth Ohio cavalry. He was in the engagement at Pittsburg Landing, Bull Run and others. He was one of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and the six sons and the six sons-in-law were all soldiers in the war. The six sons were: Lafayette, Gorham P., Frank, Lewis, Andrew and Moses, the father of our subject. The six sons-in-law were: Frank Code, Walter Beell, John Fields, Sam Rambaugh and two others. Several of these were killed in action. Andrew Leeds and John Fields were in the same company and regi-





ment with Moses Leeds. The widow of Lewis Leeds is still a resident of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Emily (Simpkins) Leeds was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1844, and resides at the home in Brown county. A brother, Enoch Simpkins, was in the same company and regiment as Moses Leeds during the Civil war. To her union with Moses Leeds were born twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and of those six still survive:

Margaret, became the wife of Charles Cowdry, of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth, who married T. W. Twicher, of Cincinnati.

Lulu, died at the age of nineteen years.

W. H., the subject of this review.

Blanche, who is Mrs. George Fingstag, of Cincinnati.

Roy, who has not married, and is at home.

Grace, at home.

Beausie, died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. W. H. Leeds was educated in the Salem school, near Williamsburg, in Brown county, and after his school days were over, he entered the employ of Mr. James McKeever, and for eight years worked at farm labor, by the month. At the expiration of this period, he assisted his father on the home farm for four years, and in 1904 purchased the present farm, beginning life for himself.

The marriage of Mr. Leeds to Mrs. Carrie Christie was celebrated in 1904, and her parents were J. R. and Mary (Anderson) Johnson. She was born in Stonelick township, in 1872, and was married to Mr. Christie, and by this first marriage she had one son, John G., who was born in 1897, and is attending school at Hillsboro, Ohio. Mrs. Leeds' father was born in Jackson township, about 1847, and her mother in Goshen township about 1852, and both are living in Brown county and are retired farmers, who are enjoying the fruits of the former years of industry. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living:

Carrie, who is now Mrs. Leeds.

Dr. F. A., of Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio.

E. T., is a dentist of Danville, Ill.

Jessie, who became the wife of E. W. Gray, of Toledo, Ohio.

Martha is a kindergarten teacher and makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Gray, of Toledo, Ohio.

Grace, who is an instructor in music, is at the parental home.



The union of Mr. and Mrs. Leeds has been blessed with one child, Martha Isabell, who was born in Jackson township, September 7, 1909.

Since the purchase of the present home farm, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds have greatly improved it and today it is excelled by few in the township. They have rebuilt the house, making it one of the prettiest in the county, which, with its delightful surroundings, good buildings and well cultivated fields add much to the general air of prosperity to this section.

In addition to the raising of the pure blood Jersey cattle, Mr. Leeds also raises and ships great numbers of hogs. He has a fine lot of chickens, horses and cattle, and has all the conveniences for the care of all of his stock.

Mr. Leeds is a Democrat in politics, although he does not aspire to office.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeds are active workers of the Methodist church, and well deserve the respect and esteem of those with whom they are associated. The present comforts of the family are due to the persistent effort and careful management of his business affairs, combined with strict honesty and integrity of Mr. Leeds. He is genial and pleasant and by his affable manner has won many friends.

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### JOHN D. WHITE.

The name of White is well known in Brown county and brings to mind one of the finest families in the region. They have long been identified with the best interests of the county and State, and have held many offices of trust and confidence. John D. White is well known as mayor of Mt. Orab, also as a successful attorney and a patriotic citizen. He was born in Georgetown, Brown county, June 6, 1854, son of Chilton Alden and Fannie E. (Boyle) White. The father, also a lawyer in profession, took a prominent part in the affairs of Brown county and was born near Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1823, and died in November, 1900. His wife was born at Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, in 1826, and died in 1882, both she and her husband being buried in Brown county. He practiced his profession at Georgetown for many years and was active in the interest of the Democratic party. Soon after his admission to the bar he was elected prosecuting



attorney of the county. This was but a stepping stone to higher things and later he served the county in the State legislature two terms, in the Senate two terms, in the National Congress two terms, and in 1882 served as a member of the constitutional convention from Brown county. He was an important factor in these august bodies and served on many important committees. He made his influence plainly felt wherever he was, and was closely identified with other well known public men, two of the most notable being George H. Pendleton and Clint L. Vollandingham. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow and was buried by the two orders. He was an active member of the Christian church and his home was always hospitably opened to entertain ministers. He was a pioneer of the Sunday school and a trustee of the church, being active in the interests of erecting their church building. He and his wife had three children, born in Brown county, namely: Edward B., of Cincinnati; John D.; Mary Isabel, wife of Dr. E. Whitaker, residing in Maysville, Ky. The father served in the Mexican war in 1847, with Thomas B. Homer, with whom he studied law. He was a schoolmate and warm personal friend of Gen. U. S. Grant, who once offered Mr. White a place on the Supreme bench for life if he would give the General his support. However, Mr. White could not see his way clear to do so, being fully convinced of the justice of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. White was one of the leading men of Georgetown, and one whom his fellow townsmen were glad to honor and pleased to call friend and neighbor.

After taking a course in local schools, John D. White attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and in 1874 began reading law in his brother's office in Cincinnati. He was admitted to the bar in Georgetown in 1875, and went into partnership with his father and W. W. McKnight, then prosecuting attorney of the county. He has continued in active practice ever since, with unqualified success. He remained twelve years in Georgetown, and in 1887 came to live in Mt. Orab. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held various offices. He was justice of the peace in Georgetown one year, then resigned the office, and after living in Mt. Orab a number of years returned to Georgetown temporarily, again serving as justice of the peace there two years. He removed thence to Greenfield, Ohio, then returned to Mt. Orab permanently. He was elected mayor in November, 1910, and still holds the





office. He is also notary public and his office is located in the city building in Mt. Orab. He has the confidence and esteem of the entire community and stands well in professional circles. He has an excellent memory and feels proud of his father and family. The father's old home in Georgetown opposite the old General Homer (or Harner) home, and is occupied by Col. U. S. G. White, a cousin of John D. White. This old place, on North Main street, is a landmark of Georgetown, being one of the older buildings there.

In 1888 Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Mary Tucker, who was born near Mt. Orab in 1870, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Smith) Tucker. Mr. Tucker and his wife were born in Brown county, he in 1842, and she in 1847, and they now reside in Illinois. He was a farmer in Green township, Brown county, and served in the Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war. He removed to Illinois several years ago. He and his wife had six children, born in Brown county, namely: Henry, of Green township; Mrs. White; Sallie, wife of Philip Vilvans, lives near Fayetteville; Elizabeth, unmarried, lives with her parents; Ora and James, of Green township, Brown county.

Mr. and Mrs. White have five children, the two youngest born in Brown county: Fannie, born in Mt. Orab, married Henry Cade, resides at New Vienna, Clinton county, Ohio, and they have two children, Austin and Henry; Minnie, born in Mt. Orab in 1891, married Grant Kibler, and they live near New Vienna, and have one child, Howard; Ethel, born at Middleton, Butler county, in 1894, is at home; Robert Emmett, born in Fayetteville in 1896, attends school; Edna, born in Georgetown in 1903, attending school. The Whites have a pleasant home in the eastern part of the village.

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### WILLIAM HENRY HOBSON.

The Hobsons were among the earliest families in Clermont county and have always stood for progress and good citizenship. William Henry Hobson is a worthy representative of the family, and is much respected as a veteran of the Civil war and for his liberal views and personal qualities. He is popular with all and is a man of genial nature, enjoying the companionship of friends. He was born at Marathon, Decem-



ber 8, 1844, son of William and Elizabeth (Prindle) Hobson, natives of Clermont county. The father was born in Marathon in 1820, and was killed September 22, 1863, at the battle of Chickamauga. The mother was born near Marathon in 1824 and died in 1907. She was buried at Clearwater, Kan., and he at Chickamauga. They carried on a farm in Clermont county, where all save one of their six children were born. In 1856 they moved to Indiana and the father served two years in Company I, Thirty-eighth Indiana volunteer infantry. His children were: William Henry, the eldest; R. H., of Kansas; Rosanna, wife of George Carter, of Williamsburg; Wooster, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Seigfried, of Springboro, Ohio; Jacob, deceased, was born in Indiana.

Mr. Hobson received most of his education in Marathon, but attended school some after the family's removal to Indiana. He remained with his parents until, at the age of seventeen years, he and his brother, R. H. Hobson, enlisted in Company D, Sixty-sixth Indiana volunteers, and served two years and eight months. Neither of the two ever missed a roll call and they participated in many important battles, including Maysville, Atlanta, Richmond, and more than a dozen others. He won a most honorable record, of which he has every reason to feel proud, but the father and husband did not return, and in his death the family received a severe blow. Two of his brother's sons also served in the war. After William H. Hobson returned from his military service, his mother decided to return to Clermont county, where she could live among old friends, and he lived with her in Marathon until his marriage, in 1869, to Miss Adeline Applegate, who was born near Marathon, in 1846, daughter of William and Nancy (Fox) Applegate, natives of Ohio, and both deceased. The father served in the Civil war and he and his wife had six children, of whom four now survive: Mrs. Hobson, who died in 1876; William, of Newtonville, Ohio; Sarah A., wife of Gordon Joy, of Dayton, Ohio; Lydia Bell, wife of Samuel Davidson, of Lerado. Mr. Hobson carried on farming near Marathon until the spring of 1910, when he purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty acres of choice farm land in Jackson township, where he has a very pretty and comfortable home. He is a Republican in politics and has at various times served as school director. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is prominent in the local organization.

On June 8, 1878, Mr. Hobson was united in marriage with





Miss Ada Luella Hensel, born in Indiana in 1859, daughter of Thomas and Sarah A. (Highland) Hensel. Her father was born near Owensville, Ohio, in 1833, and lives in Clermont county, and her mother, who was born at Milford, Ohio, in 1835, has been dead over thirty-seven years and is buried in Owensville cemetery. Her father served in the One Hundred Day Service during the Civil war and received three discharges altogether. Mr. and Mrs. Hensel had six children, of whom five now survive: Bertha, wife of George Snell, living near Franklin, Ind.; Mrs. Hobson, who was born in Indiana; Ethel, widow of Charles Hathaway, of Indiana; Emma, wife of Frank Snell, living near Lockland, Ohio; Cora lives with her father; Edith, wife of Raper Moore, died in 1910. Mrs. Hobson's uncles, Wesley, William, George, Jasper, Joe and Courtland Hensel, also her father, served in the Civil war from Indiana.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, all in Clermont county: Amanda, wife of George Conover, of Jackson township, has a daughter, Elizabeth; Luella, wife of Walter Shuff, of Hamilton county; James Arthur married Miss Myrtle Moyer and they live near Blanchester, Ohio; William H. married Coral Harlow, lives in Brown county, and has one daughter, Edith Lucile; Cora Viola, wife of George Felter, of Brown county, has one son, Clifford; Beulah, graduate of Marathon grammar school and Owensville High School, lives at home; Charles Harner married Ethel Martin and they live near Newtonville; Frank Lloyd is at home with his father; Hazel May, who lives at home, has passed the Pattison examination; and Thomas Milton, at home. This is a family of culture and refinement, representative of the best interests of Clermont county. The Hensels, as well as the Hobsons, were early comers to Clermont county, and both families have always stood high in the esteem of their fellows.

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### WILLIAM H. JONES.

William H. Jones is a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Jackson township, and is respected as an upright citizen. He is largely self-made and has made his way in the world through energy and hard work. He is an intelligent and progressive farmer and successfully follows approved modern methods in his operations. He was born in Sterling town-



ship, Brown county, Ohio, September 20, 1869, son of Levi and Sarah (Doris) Jones, natives of Clermont and Brown counties, respectively. The father was born near Goshen in 1845, and now lives on the farm in Brown county, where all his children were born. He served from Ohio in the One Hundred Day Service, and by trade was a mechanic, carpenter and chair maker, following these occupations for a number of years. The mother was born in 1845 also. They had four children: Etta, wife of Harvey Cregar, deceased; Almeda, wife of Charles Patton, of Clinton county, Ohio; William H., and George C., of Brown county.

Mr. Jones attended school in Sterling township, Brown county, remaining with his father until attaining his majority. On March 19, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Wallace, born near New Hope, Scott township, Brown county, June 14, 1870, daughter of Nichols and Martha (Brown) Wallace, natives of Brown county. Mr. Wallace was born in 1848 and his wife in 1850, and they now live in Clermont county, although for many years they carried on farming in Brown county. They had fifteen children, born in the two counties just mentioned, namely: Four who did not reach maturity; Sarah, wife of Adam Morse, living near Edenton; Ella, wife of Allen Malot, of Brown county; Minerva, Mrs. Jones; Zerelda, wife of Walter Henderson, of Warren county, Ohio; Addie, wife of Gus Hulick, of Batavia, Clermont county; Laura and Lena, twins, the former living in Cincinnati, and the latter the wife of Richard McElfreth, and is now deceased; Levi, of Clermont county, married Gertrude Turner; Goldie, wife of Quinn Leonard, of Owenton, Ky.; Eli, at home with his parents; Zetta, wife of Jacob Lang, of Cincinnati. Both the Jones and Wallace families were among the very early settlers of Brown county.

After marriage Mr. Jones and his wife spent four years in Brown county, spent two years in Pike township, spent the two succeeding years at Crosstown, Clermont county, and returned to Brown county. Eight years later they located at East Fork, Jackson township, Clermont county, remained there three years, and in March, 1909, moved to their present home on the farm owned by Samuel Pridmore, an uncle of Mr. Jones. He runs two hundred and nineteen acres of land, devoted to general farming, and does well for himself and for the owner. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. They have had five



children, of whom three now survive, namely: Alma, born in Clermont county, September 22, 1888, died at the age of twenty-one months, and is buried in Brown county; Carroll, born in Brown county, in 1891, married Miss Florence Johnson, of Clermont county, and they have one child, William; Etta, born in Brown county, in 1894, at home; Letha, born in 1896, died when two days old; Goldie Catherine, born in Clermont county, in August, 1910. The family have a wide acquaintance and many warm friends. Anthony Wallace, the grandfather of Mrs. Jones, and her uncle, Jacob Wallace, served in the Civil war. John and James Jones, uncles of William H. Jones, also served in that war from Ohio.

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#### DR. W. C. CROWELL.

Dr. W. C. Crowell, one of the rising young men of Bethel, Ohio, who is successfully engaged in the practice of denistry, with a well appointed office and liberal patronage, is a native of Kentucky, having been born at Maysville, Ky., April 27, 1887. He is a son of Simon and Mollie (Clinger) Crowell, who were both born in Mason county, Kentucky. The former is a house contractor and painter, and has made a name for himself in his business. The maternal grandfather Clinger was a Civil war soldier and was on the boat "Sultana," which was blown up on the Mississippi river. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Crowell were the parents of three children:

Dr. W. C., who is the subject of this sketch.

Lucile is at home with her parents, at Maysville, Ky.

Mabel is also at home with her parents.

The education of Dr. W. C. Crowell was received in the schools of Maysville, from which he was graduated with credit to himself and his teachers. After his graduation from the Maysville High School he continued his education at the Ohio Dental College of Cincinnati, finishing there in 1911. He then did some office work in Cincinnati, but shortly after began practicing at Bethel. Before going to college he had spent some time in the dental office of Dr. R. C. Pollet, of Maysville, which proved of great benefit to him.

By reason of his intelligent and thorough knowledge of his profession, Dr. Crowell has established a fine business, although he has been in the town less than a year. His manly





qualities and pleasing manner have won for him many friends and well wishers.

On October 15, 1912, Dr. Crowell moved to 308 West Fifth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has fitted up elegant parlors for his business.

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### J. R. JOHNSON.

J. R. Johnson, a retired farmer of Marathon, now engaged in real estate business, is a leader in every movement for the good of his community, and belongs to one of Clermont county's old families. He was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, in 1848, son of Benjamin and Senith (Tribble) Johnson. Benjamin Johnson was born in New Jersey, and came to Clermont county in childhood, and his wife was born near old Clover, Williamsburg township, Clermont county. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Owensville. Their nine children were all born in Clermont county, namely: Anna, wife of Cornelius J. Works, of Williamsburg township; Cornelius Jefferson lives in Austin, Tex.; Jonathan, of Monterey, Clermont county; J. R., subject of this sketch; Alpheus, of Batavia; Charles, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Harvey and Henry, twins, the former of Norwood and the latter of Hillsboro; Senith, wife of Coates McKeever, of Williamsburg. The parents were Methodists and active workers in the interest of the church. The father held a church office most of his life.

Mr. Johnson was educated in Greenberry school and remained with his parents until 1871, when he married Miss Mary Anderson, born in Clermont county, in 1851, daughter of Peter and May (Smith) Anderson. Mr. Anderson was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county as a small boy, and Mrs. Anderson was born in Clermont county. Both were buried in Owensville. Mr. Anderson's first wife was Catherine Hatfield, and by both marriages he had children, thirteen in all, as follows: Debby, wife of William Shin, and both she and her husband are deceased; Nathan, Josiah, Samuel and Catherine, all deceased; all children of the first wife. By his second marriage there were: Elizabeth, wife of Louis Ellis, and both are deceased; William, of Tennessee; Margaret and Harvey, of Marathon; Martha, wife of Thomas Smith, of Wilmington, Ohio; Addie, deceased; May, Mrs. Johnson. Mr.



Anderson was a Presbyterian and his second wife was a Methodist. The Andersons and Smiths were among the very early settlers of Clermont county, and were representative of the best interests of their communities.

After marriage Mr. Johnson and his wife located on a farm in Jackson township, where they lived many years, rearing their children there. Some twelve years since he retired from active life, and they now live on a very pretty place of seven acres on the Chillicothe pike, Marathon, just over the edge of the county line, and in Brown county. He is engaged in real estate business to some extent, although he does not carry on this line very aggressively, for he has well earned a rest from great activity. He is well known throughout Clermont county and has a host of friends and acquaintances. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held various township offices. He was appointed to fill a vacancy as county commissioner, serving eight months, and served two terms of three years each, by election. His service in this office was most satisfactory, and he is held in respect by one and all. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, and he has held office in the church for many years until recently. He has spent practically all his life in Clermont county, and his integrity and good citizenship are well recognized there. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the early affairs of the county, and has been a worthy representative of his family. He is progressive and liberal in his views in general and is a man of considerable influence. He and his wife have a comfortable and very tastefully furnished home and she is a woman of rare good judgment and refinement.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, as follows: Carrie, widow of G. R. Christy, by whom she had one son, John, married William Leeds and they now live in Jackson township; Dr. Frank married Miss Julia Day, and they live at Fayetteville, Brown county; Edward married Eva Smith, lives in Danville, Ill., and they have one child, May; Jessie married Edward Grey, of Toledo, and they have one child; Margaret; Katie, deceased; Martha is now a kindergarten teacher in Toledo; Grace is a music teacher in Marathon. Mr. Johnson began life on his own account with almost nothing in the way of worldly goods, and he and his wife worked side by side, with industry and energy, to build up their prospects, with very good results.





## DAVID S. McPHERSON.

Mr. David S. McPherson, familiarly known as "Dave" McPherson, is among the most progressive and enterprising of Brown county farmers, and is a representative of one of the earliest of pioneer settlers. He was born on his present home farm, which has been in the family since the year of 1832, and which consists of two hundred and fourteen acres. The date of his birth was January 1, 1862, and his parents were James and Elizabeth (Hopkins) McPherson.

James McPherson (formerly spelled McFerson) was born in Byrd township, near the corners of Byrd, Jefferson and Union townships, Brown county, in April, 1815, and his death occurred in May, 1898, after a useful, honorable and upright life. His occupation was that of farming and stock raising, and the success which he so well deserved was due to his untiring energy and careful management. He was a member and elder of the Red Oak Presbyterian church, and was active in all affairs of that denomination. James was a son of David and Anne McPherson, who were of Scotch parentage.

Elizabeth (Hopkins) McPherson was born in Union township, Brown county in November, 1821, and passed from this life in August, 1909. She was a daughter of Robert Hopkins, a pioneer settler of Brown county. In religious faith she was a member of the Presbyterian church.

David S. McPherson is the eighth child in order of birth of a family of nine children: Frances Ann, died in 1866, at the age of twenty-two years; Robert H., was born in 1846 and died in January, 1853; William A., born in April, 1848, is a resident of Byrd township; Louisa J., born in April, 1850, died in January, 1910, the wife of Joel Morrow, of Russellville, Ohio; Milton C., who was born in November, 1851, married in March, 1880, to Hannah Fenton, and died about 1905; Samuel Lewis, born in March, 1854, passed away in August, 1881; Agnes, born in June, 1856, married in 1878, Ackles Culter, and are residents of Russellville; David S., our subject; Edward P., who was born in January, 1864, married Louise Beaty in September, 1892, and resides at Evanston, Chicago, Ill.

The marriage of Mr. D. S. McPherson took place in May, 1891, and his union was with Miss Ella McCutchen, who was born and reared at Manchester, Ohio, a daughter of John and Eliza McCutchen, the former of whom was for a number of years a farmer, but is now a merchant of Manchester.



Mr. McPherson has always given his attention to his chosen calling and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has made many improvements on the farm property, including a comfortable new home in the place of the old one, which he had torn down in 1911. The home was completed in 1912, and is one of the most modern farm houses in the county.

Mr. McPherson takes an intelligent interest in politics, and his study of the questions of the day have led him to give his support to the Republican party and he has served in the various township offices.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson hold membership, and he is on the board of trustees, of the Red Oak Presbyterian Church. He is well known in his locality and is highly regarded as an honorable man and a first class citizen.

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### JOHN C. FLOWERS.

John C. Flowers belongs to an old and well known family of Brown county and he and his wife count their friends by the hundreds. He is a man of quiet, modest demeanor, and everything around his home shows him to be a progressive, up-to-date farmer. He is broad and liberal-minded and favors every cause he believes will benefit the township and county. He was born at the Brown county infirmary, in Pleasant township, in 1859, son of Davis and Catherine (Kier) Flowers. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1829 and died in Brown county March 4, 1910, being buried in the cemetery at Georgetown. He served three years in the Civil war, first in Company K and later being transferred to Company C, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and many others. He was a Republican in politics, and for five years had charge of the county infirmary, this time including his service before and after the war. He and his wife had to provide all the help in the institution and conducted it in a manner that did credit to them and to the county. They had three children: Namon D., of Lewis township; William Henry died in Colorado some twenty years ago, and John C. The mother



was born near Fincastle, Brown county, in 1828, and now lives with her son, the subject of this sketch. Her parents came to Brown county from Pennsylvania among the earliest settlers and Mr. Kier cleared land for a farm. He and his wife lived to the ages of ninety-three and one hundred and three years, respectively. Mrs. Flowers was a Methodist in earlier life, but is now too feeble to attend services, although she is much interested in the work of the church. Mr. Flowers spent most of his life farming in Lewis township and raised garden truck.

Mr. Flowers, of this sketch, attended the Blue Bird school, and after leaving school worked for various farmers by the month for some ten years. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Letitia Drake, who was born on White Oak creek, Lewis township, in 1861, daughter of John and Elizabeth J. (Newland) Drake, who were early settlers of Brown county. The Drakes originally came from England. John Drake was born in Pennsylvania in 1808 and died on February 12, 1873, and Mrs. Elizabeth Drake was born in Brown county in 1828 and died August 17, 1911. Both are buried in Higginsport, Ohio. They had a farm in Lewis township and were the parents of eight children, all born in the county, and seven now surviving: Hannah J., widow of George Watson, of Portsmouth; Sabina A., wife of Rufus Dugan, of Higginsport; Jacob W., of Washington State; Phoebe E., wife of John A. Stephens, of Straight Creek; Rebecca, widow of Benjamin White, lives near Higginsport; Ruth Mary Ellen, wife of Mirian Fry, of Milford, Clermont county; Mrs. Flowers; Martha C. died some thirty years ago. The Drakes were members of the Baptist church. Jacob Newland, Mrs. Drake's father served in the Revolution.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Drake spent four years on a farm on White Oak creek, Lewis township, then they lived in Pleasant township, and in 1899 purchased the fine farm of one hundred and eight acres where they now reside. He erected a comfortable eight-room farm house and suitable out buildings, and has in other ways improved the appearance and value of the place. He carries on general farming and raises hogs, horses and cattle. His tobacco crop is a good one, and he raises considerable grain and hay also. In politics he is a Democrat, but in local affairs votes for the man rather than for party. He and his wife formerly were members of the Christian church at Higginsport. They had two children,





Arminda Ellen, who died in 1883, at the age of eleven months and eight days, and is buried in Georgetown, and William David, born in 1885, a graduate of the Georgetown High School. The latter married Miss Gertrude Alma Brown and they reside on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers have worked together since the time they joined hands in the marriage knot, and began with debts on all sides, but have prospered and now have a nice home and good prospects. They have given their son all advantages for fitting himself to take his place in the world, and have won a very good standing with their neighbors and associates. Their success is self-made, for they began with very little and have added to their possessions from time to time and bit by bit. They enjoy many comforts and have well earned them. In the summer time they keep city boarders with good success.

Solomon Flowers, an uncle of Mr. Flowers, was killed at New Orleans during the Civil war.

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### CHARLES HARLOW.

Charles Harlow, superintendent of the Marathon schools, and a resident of Jackson township, belongs to one of the oldest families of Clermont county. He was born in Jackson township in 1887, son of Cornelius W. and Anna E. (Stark) Harlow. Cornelius W. Harlow was born in Jackson township in 1853, and still lives there, and his wife was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, also in 1853. He is one of the most progressive farmers of the region, devotes considerable attention to stock raising and is a man of influence and high standing. He is a Democrat in politics and has held several township offices. There were four children born to him and his wife, namely: Edwin died at the age of six years; Jesse also died when six years old; Charles, the only surviving son; Addie C. is a teacher in the public schools of Clermont county, but is taking a rest at the present time. Miss and Mrs. Harlow are devout members of the Methodist church.

Cornelius W. Harlow is a son of Jeremiah and Emeline (Johnson) Harlow, his father born on the Cornelius Harlow farm in 1818 and died in 1890. Mrs. Emeline Harlow is deceased and both are buried in Bloom Rose cemetery, Brown



county, Ohio. Jeremiah Harlow was a miller in Jackson township, where he had a saw and grist mill and afterwards carried on farming. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven now survive: Rachel lives with her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, of Jackson township; Mary, widow of Mont Ferce, has two children, Orie, who married Miss Thersa Curtis, lives near Batavia, and has two children (Orie and Mary Helen), and Clara, widow of Homer Mahon, living on a farm near Afton, has one child, Beatrice; Cornelius is the father of the subject of this sketch; H. W., Oliver J. and Samuel, of Jackson township; Julia E., wife of Alvin Hamilton, of Jackson township, has two children, Lena, aged sixteen years, and Harlow, aged thirteen. The Harlows were very early comers to Jackson township and cleared their land, a little at a time, and always taking great interest in the general welfare and progress of the county. They purchased two hundred acres of land at two dollars per acre, which is still in the family. An ancestor of Cornelius W. Harlow, Cornelius Washburn, was known as the Indian hunter. The Indians had killed his mother and he had vowed that he would hunt the particular tribe that had perpetrated the deed, but they finally killed him. He had served in the War of 1812 and his father in the Revolution.

Charles Harlow graduated from the Williamsburg High School, and took a post-graduate course in agriculture under Prof. J. R. Rounds, superintendent of schools in Hocking township, Fairfield county, Ohio. He entered upon his profession by teaching one year in Perry township, Brown county, then taught four years at Greenberry, Clermont county. In 1911 he was appointed superintendent of schools at Marathon, and teaches all subjects and grades. He is well prepared for his work and keeps in touch with modern methods and ideas. During the summer of 1912 he taught in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio. He is well known in Clermont county, where his family is prominent. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is a Mason, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge at Marathon, and the Royal Arch Chapter at Batavia. He holds office in his lodge. He gives good satisfaction in the performance of his duties and is popular as a young man of genial and courteous manner. He lives with his parents on the old home farm. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the public affairs in the early days of Clermont county.





An ancestor of Mr. Harlow, Cornelius Washburn, was a colonel and led the whites against the Indians, near Marathon, Clermont county, where the first bloodshed occurred in the first battle fought on Ohio soil between the Indians and whites.

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### ELIJAH G. PENN.

Elijah G. Penn, deceased, died June 27, 1910, at his home in Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio. He was born near Point Isabel, in this county, June 28, 1835, son of Elijah T. and Philena (Walroven) Penn. The parents were both natives of Maryland and drove to Ohio at a very early day. The father was in the flour milling business in early life, but later owned and operated a large farm. Our subject was the next youngest of their eleven children, of whom but one is now living, in 1912, viz., their ninth child, William W., who married Mona Sargent (deceased), and resides at Moscow, Ohio. The others were: Mary; Sarah, married the late Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, extended mention of whom appears on other pages of these volumes; Anna S., married the late John Holter; George W. was a Civil war soldier and married Margaret Gilfillen, now the widow of Rev. W. H. Southerland; Julius A., first married Miss Minor, deceased, and second Mary J. Brock, also deceased; John D., whose widow was Charlotte Ashburn, now residing at Wilmington, Ohio; Joseph W., who first married Caroline Sargent, deceased, and second Viola Nichols, who, as his widow, resides at Amelia; Benjamin F. married Mahala Foster, deceased, and Milton, who married Susan Berger, now deceased.

Elijah T. Penn was four times married. His second wife was Mrs. Margaret Nichols; his third was Miss Lizzie Sargent, while his fourth was Mrs. Caroline Corbin, an aunt of the late General Corbin, mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Penn, of this review, attended the common schools of Clermont, later taking a business course at Bartlett's Business College. Upon leaving college, he went at once to Warsaw, Mo., where he was most successfully engaged in the real estate business until 1859, when he returned to Clermont county and was married by the Rev. John Fowble, at 7:30 p. m., November 9th of that year, to Miss Mary A. Foster, born



May 5, 1842, near Batavia, Ohio, only child of Joseph R. and Susan (Ricker) Foster, who were married at 12 o'clock noon, July 13, 1837, by Rev. Robert Cheeney. Joseph R. Foster, who was born in 1816, and died September 17, 1871, was a cousin of the late Bishop Randolph Foster, and both were educated at Augusta (Kentucky) College. He was a farmer and an active Republican, serving as justice of the peace some seventeen years. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an officer many years and until his death. She was born in 1822 and died May 26, 1891; her brother, the late Maj. Elbridge G. Ricker, served in the Civil war, as did also his son, Benjamin J. Ricker. Adeline (Ricker) Frazee, widow of Benjamin Frazee, is now aged eighty-eight years, and is an aunt of Mrs. Mary A. Penn and residing at the latter's home, is the only survivor of that generation of the Ricker family.

After marriage, our subject and wife settled in Batavia. He served as county clerk and later removed to Amelia, where he engaged in real estate business until he volunteered and enlisted, October 3, 1861, as first lieutenant in the Fifth Ohio cavalry, serving until discharged, October 20, 1862. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Methodist Episcopal church. Following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Penn: Susan Foster, wife of Frederick Harting, a newspaper man of Portland, Ore., was a pupil at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; and Miss Philena M. Penn, a graduate of the Amelia High School, and who also took a business course at Cincinnati, is a teacher in the public schools of Clermont county.

Mrs. Penn was educated at Hillsboro, Ohio, Female College, under tutelage of Prof. J. McDowell Matthews, noted scholar and instructor. She is general pension attorney, since 1892, and is a woman of rare business qualifications. The first Clermont county institute was organized and held at Mrs. Penn's home, headed by Prof. John Hancock. Her home is historical, formerly owned by the Hopkins family, bought by Mr. Foster, who remodeled and left it to his daughter. Her parents are buried in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows cemetery, where rest four generations, including a grandchild of Mrs. Penn, the lot marked by a beautiful monument. She has the discharge papers left by her father at a little historical legacy, the document being signed in General Grant's own hand writing.



Mr. Penn was of a highly refined and intelligent nature, well informed on all subjects and a man very highly respected in Clermont county, while Mrs. Penn is quiet and graceful, possessing those charms which make it a real pleasure for one to meet; thus the Penn home has ever been pervaded by a spirit of true hospitality. This spirit is inherited by their daughter, who evidenced her devotion by giving her father every attention possible, and is now showing every consideration for her mother. Both ladies are members of the Methodist church.

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### FRANCIS MARION EDWARDS.

Mr. Francis Marion Edwards, who has passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey and is therefore living retired, owns, however, ninety-eight acres of valuable land in Batavia township, Clermont county, and his possessions are such as to bring him a very desirable income, so that he is enabled to enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He was born in Bird township, Brown county, May 27, 1827, and his parents were John and Demiah (Jones) Edwards, the former of whom was born in Brown county and the latter was born in Kentucky. Both have been deceased for many years. They had six children, all being deceased but Mr. F. M. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was educated in Brown county and at the age of sixteen years went to Amelia, where he learned the trade of tanner. As his employer worked in a shoe shop during the winter, Mr. Edwards was enabled to learn the shoe maker's trade also. After he had learned this trade thoroughly he entered the employ of his brother, who owned and operated a harness and carriage trimming shop in Amelia, and who had offered him three dollars per day to work for him. He was thus engaged for six years making collars, and for another period of six years was employed by a sewing machine company to run a wagon.

On January 11, 1855, Mr. F. M. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Amelia L. Byers, who was born in Fulton, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1837, and her parents were James and Jane Ann (Collerton) Byers, the former being born in Ireland and the latter born in New York. Both are now deceased, leaving two children:

Amelia, who became Mrs. Edwards.





John, who went to South America at the age of twenty years and died there after a residence of twenty-five years. He gave his sister, Mrs. Edwards, the farm of ninety-eight acres, that is now their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had six children born to their union, those living being:

Kate became the wife of William Clayton, and they have three children, Florence, Lottie and William. Their home is in Chicago.

John B. is also a resident of Chicago, and has three children, Kate, Delia and George.

J. F. is at home with his father and operates the home farm.

Mr. Edwards is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, although he has never been a politician in the light of an office seeker.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Edwards are with the organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, and for many years has been prominently identified with the affairs of both orders.

All of the members of the family of Mr. Edwards are devoted members of the Methodist church, and are active in all that tends to the advancement of Christianity.

Since his marriage Mr. Edwards has followed the occupation of general farming and stock raising. He has a good breed of horses, sheep and hogs, which he raises for market. Mr. Edwards has been practically retired for the past six years, although save for a partial loss of hearing he is able to enjoy all the pleasures of life. The farm and building show great pride in keeping the home in good condition, and in good repair, and although he has given over the management of the farm to his son, he is very active for one of his years.

The life record of Mr. Edwards is characterized by all that is honorable and manly and has moreover proved what may be attained by close and persistent purpose supplemented by unqualified business integrity.

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#### GEORGE JARMAN (Deceased).

In the death of George Jarman Clermont county lost an upright, useful citizen and one who was highly respected by all. He was industrious, public-spirited and progressive, having at heart the best interests of the community. He was long a



farmer in Washington township, and was successful in his undertakings. Although he died October 19, 1878, he is well remembered by all who had the pleasure of his friendship, and is held in most loving memory by his family, as a kind father and devoted husband. He was born near Neville; January 18, 1841, son of Azariah and Martha (Kelsey) Jarman, who are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of another son, Levi Jarman, deceased, which appears on another page of this work.

Mr. Jarman attended school in Neville and carried on farming with his father until he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteers. At the end of his term he was discharged, and although he was drafted to go to the front a second time, he hired a substitute and remained at home. He participated in action at several battles. On December 27, 187—, he married Miss Alice Rose, who was born near Chilo, August 1, 1851, daughter of Timothy and Eliza (Brown) Rose. Mr. Rose was born in Cincinnati, November 5, 1827, and died February 25, 1879, and Mrs. Rose was born November 25, 1832, and died May 21, 1885. They had a large family of children, of whom but four now survive: Alonzo, of Manchester; John Brown; Sarah, widow of Newton Kirk, of Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky; Mrs. Alice Jarman. Mr. Rose came to Clermont county in an early day and his father, Timothy Rose, kept a store on the farm where Mrs. Alice Jarman was born. Mr. Rose and wife are buried in Chilo cemetery, Woods Hill.

Soon after marriage George Jarman settled on a farm about a mile from her birthplace and about a mile from the place where she now lives, where Mr. Jarman carried on farming until his death. His widow later sold this place, and in May, 1909, bought the pretty place of sixty acres, where she now resides. Mr. Jarman was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist church. They had four children, all born on the home place: Martha, wife of Dr. C. S. Bolander, of Indianapolis, was born September 26, 1872; William died at the age of eleven months; John, born November 28, 1875, married Miss Hattie Essex, and his sketch is published in this volume; Mary Eliza, born October 10, 1877, married Robert Eddington, and they have a son, John.

By a life of industry and economy Mr. and Mrs. Jarman accumulated a competence and reared their family to honorable man and womanhood. Mr. Jarman was a kind friend and neighbor, and was greatly missed in many circles. He was





buried in Vesper cemetery, near Neville. Mrs. Jarman is a good Christian woman, greatly liked by all, and is proud of the part taken by her ancestors and those of her husband in the earlier history of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jarman proved worthy representatives of these families and always endeavored to do their whole duty by their children and the community.

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### DAVID W. GAMES.

Among the representative and substantial men of Brown county, the above named gentleman is a leading figure. He lives on his splendidly improved and productive farm of over two hundred acres near Hiatt postoffice in Huntington township. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and his well tilled fields and beautiful meadows give his property a pleasing and prosperous appearance. Mr. Games was born and reared on a nearby farm, a part of which he now owns, September 11, 1841, and his father was the Hon. John F. Games, whose sketch also appears in these volumes.

Mr. Games' present home is a substantial frame structure, which was erected in 1856, by his grandfather, a short time before the latter's death. Mr. Games has resided on this farm since his marriage thus far, with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country during the Civil war. On October 16, 1861, he enlisted at Camp Hamer, at West Union, Ohio, in Company F, Seventieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and in August, 1862, was discharged on account of disability. On September 16, 1864, he re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, a part of Steadman's brigade. He was at the battle of Nashville, and was under fire, although not actively engaged in that battle. A part of this brigade, however, made the first charge of the engagement. July 7, 1865, Mr. Games was finally mustered out and he returned to his home.

In 1866, Mr. David W. Games was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Case, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 2, 1849, and who passed from this life January 12, 1907. She was a daughter of T. W. and Julia (Shelton) Case. She left nine living children besides the eldest, Wilson Games, who died at the age of twenty years. The others are:



John, a carpenter of Dayton, Ohio, married Ellen Thompson, of Adams county, Ohio.

James C., a farmer of Adams county, married Margaret Cooper.

Cary, a farmer of Adams county, married Sarah Grierson.

Annie, wife of George H. Knechtly, a farmer of Texas.

Olin H., a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county, married Verdie Roush.

Watson E., a teacher, resides near Columbus, Ohio.

Stanley C., is by occupation a farmer.

Charles Ross is a farmer and teacher, and married first, Miss Nellie Lane, who died leaving one son, and his present wife is Miss Georgie McGuire.

Amanda J., wife of Elmer Lawwill, a farmer of near Mt. Orab.

Mr. Games married, in March, 1910, Miss Cora Atherton, who was born and reared in Huntington township, a daughter of George G. and Margaret (Kimball) Atherton, early residents of Brown county. Mrs. Games has one brother and three sisters living in Adams county, Ohio, and two brothers living in Kentucky.

The political support of Mr. Games has always been given to the Republican party, in which he has taken an active interest.

Mr. Games is a member in good standing of George Bailey Post of Aberdeen and has served as officer of the day.

Mr. Games and his family are regular in attendance of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he has ever given a liberal support.

Mr. Games is a man who keeps fully abreast of the times and is influential in his neighborhood because of his upright and honorable life.

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### H. W. DENNISTON.

Mr. H. W. Denniston is one of the best known men in Clermont county, through his business relations. He carries on his farm and also deals in leaf tobacco, being successful in both enterprises. He is a self-made man and he and his wife have worked together to gain a good start in life. Both are highly respected by all. Mr. Denniston is considered one of

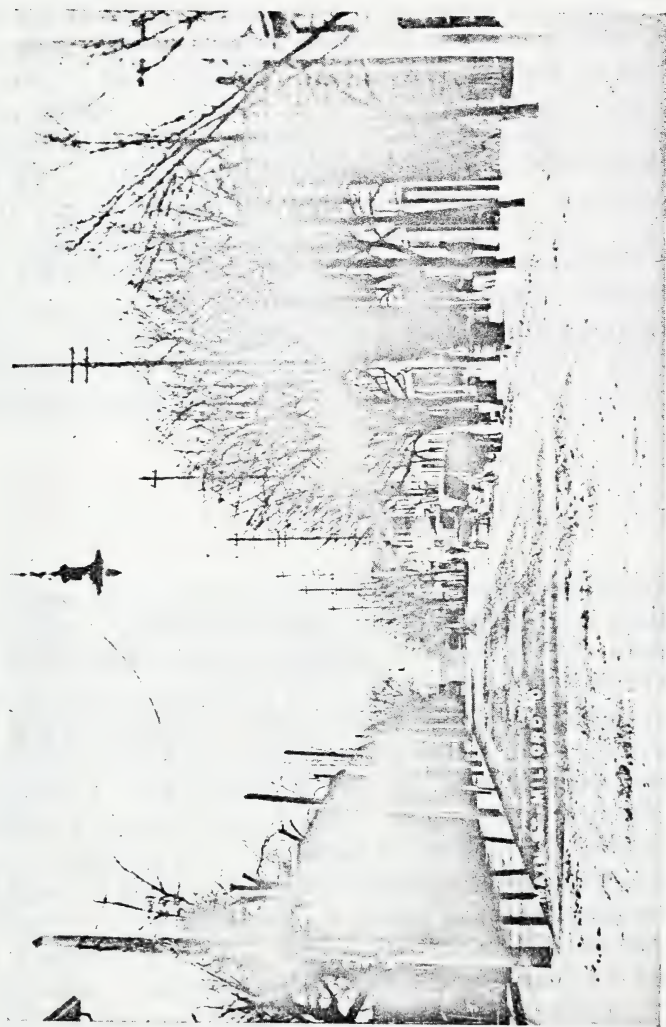


the substantial citizens of his community and is well liked for his broad, liberal ideas and his kindness of heart. He was born in Illinois, December 25, 1859, son of William and Elvina (Savage) Denniston. The parents were born in Brown county, the father in 1832, and the mother in 1841. He died in 1898, and is buried in old Pisgah cemetery, and she died in 1908. He served through the war, enlisting in the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and spending two years and two months in infamous Andersonville prison. They had six children, three of whom now survive: H. W., of this sketch; Belle, wife of Robert Pork, of Dayton; John C., of Indiana. Mr. Denniston's grandmother married Mr. J. P. Dougherty, a well known preacher, who preached at Point Isabel and various other places in Clermont county, died in the edge of Brown county, and was the oldest Christian minister in the conference at the time of his death. He had preached longer, had married and buried a larger number of persons than any other preacher in the conference. He was a noble man and was held in great affection by all, for he had broad sympathies and was able to touch the hearts of his hearers, as well as to give them comfort and advice in the every day affairs of life.

Mr. Denniston was educated in Higginsport, Georgetown, and Lebanon college, spending three years at the latter place. He taught school in Brown county for some ten or eleven years, with good success, and won a reputation in the profession, then took up the business of farming, which he followed in Brown and Clermont counties. He has always had a good understanding and natural ability in the tobacco business, in which he has always dealt more or less, and in 1907 he became more extensively interested in it. He has a large warehouse in Chilo and employs ten men in winter and five in summer, being the only large dealer in his part of the county. He resides on the Felicity and Chilo turnpike road, where he has one hundred and twenty acres of land, but altogether he has two hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township. He has made many improvements on the place and erected the house and some of the barns on his home farm. He is an energetic and wide-awake business man, and a skilled farmer. He is an excellent judge of tobacco and is honorable in his dealings. He has been successful through hard work and careful management, and now has a nice family and a beautiful home. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias.









In 1882 Mr. Denniston was united in marriage with Miss Nannie C. Mefferd, born in Brown county in 1861, daughter of Rev. G. W. and Nancy (Evans) Mefferd, whose parents were also natives of Brown county. The father died when about ninety years of age, and the mother died at the age of about eighty-nine years. Rev. Mefferd was a prominent preacher of the Christian church and spent his whole life in this work. He was much respected and was a great power for good in the community and county. He and his wife had seven children, only four of whom are now surviving: Minerva, wife of Ellis Trunnell, of Illinois; James, of Lexington, Ky.; J. D., of Point Pleasant; Nannie C., Mrs. Denniston.

Mr. and Mrs. Denniston had seven children: Irene, born in Ohio, graduated from the Lexington High School, and married John Olmsted, of Chilo; Eugene, aged twenty-six years, was born in Ohio, is manager of his father's warehouse in Chilo; Lola, born in Ohio, is at home; Henry Clay, born in Kentucky, is at home on the farm; Cecil, born in Kentucky, at home; Blythe and John, born in Ohio, are at home.

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### J. F. RICHARDS.

Among the native sons of Clermont county who have helped materially in furthering the general progress and prosperity, J. F. Richards deserves prominent mention. He belongs to one of the oldest families of the region and was born in Franklin township, June 26, 1862, son of Robert and Bena (Smith) Richards. The father, also a native of that township, was born August 11, 1825, and died July 29, 1908, and the mother, a native of Germany, was born in 1823, came to America at the age of eighteen years, spending thirty-five days on the water, and died in March, 1898. Both parents were buried in Calvary cemetery. The father was a farmer and a prominent citizen of Franklin township, where his father had settled in an early day. The grandfather Richards was one of a family of nine children, and his wife was one of nine children. Robert Richards was one of four children, and is now deceased. The others of the family were: Caroline, deceased, was the widow of Gideon Winterood; William and Thomas, deceased. These four children all formerly lived near Felicity, and all bore an honorable part in the affairs of the neighborhood.





To Robert and Bena (Smith) Richards five children were born, namely: Stasia; Anna, formerly a teacher in Clermont county, lives with a younger brother in Cincinnati; Addie, wife of M. A. Wood, lives at Mt. Carmel, Ohio; J. F., of this sketch; D. S., a teacher in the Oyler School, Cincinnati, one of the best elementary schools in the world and well known in educational circles.

J. F. Richards remained with his parents until his marriage, receiving his education in his native place. In 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Caddie Moore, a native of Moscow, Washington township, Clermont county, October 12, 1861, daughter of J. E. and Anna (Smith) Moore. Mr. Moore was born in Belmont county, Ohio, April 16, 1825, and died in 1906, and his wife, a native of the same county, born May 24, 1824, died May 3, 1883, both being buried in Felicity cemetery. Mr. Moore had been a local preacher. He was one of twelve children and eight children were born to him and his wife, namely: James E. E., born November 30, 1847, died at the age of twenty-five years; Lucinda Anna, born August 7, 1852, taught school many years in Clermont county, Ohio, and in Chicago, Ill., and now resides with her sister, Mrs. Richards; Sarah Isabel, born June 5, 1854, died young; Elizabeth Jane, born March 20, 1855, died at the age of thirty-two years; Eva Josephine, born May 7, 1857, died at the age of three years; Rachel Eliza, born May 19, 1859, is the wife of Charles S. Warner, a minister living in Oklahoma; Clara May, born October 12, 1861, Mrs. Richards; Belle Smith, born January 10, 1865, died at the age of seventeen years. The father's brother, Eugene Moore, served in the Civil war from Ohio.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Richards located on the old Moore homestead, of which she inherited two hundred and fifty-one and one-fourth acres. He carries on general farming and pays especial attention to stock raising. He has been very successful and has established a reputation for integrity and industry. He is actively interested in public affairs and is a Prohibitionist in politics, although reared a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, in which he has served as trustee and steward for some time, and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school. They are much interested in various measures for the public welfare and for the uplifting of the race. They are among the best known people of the community, being natives of the county and members of prominent families.



Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Richards and wife: Dorsey Smith, born July 8, 1895, attends Woodworth School in Cincinnati, and is taking a course in domestic science; Robert Moore, born October 1, 1903, attends the local school, which is on a part of the old Richards farm.

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### DR. T. V. FITZPATRICK.

Dr. T. V. Fitzpatrick, one of the most eminent laryngologists and aurists of Cincinnati, Ohio, was born at Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio, April 9, 1855, and is a son of Solomon and Zerelda (Vanhook) Fitzpatrick, natives of Crab Orchard, Ky., the former of whom was born December 14, 1793, and passed away February 5, 1868.

Dr. Fitzpatrick came to Cincinnati in 1871, and there attended the Hughes High School, later becoming a student of the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he graduated in 1875. From 1875 to 1876, Dr. Fitzpatrick practiced his profession at Paragon, Ind., and the year following was spent at New Baltimore, Hamilton county, Ohio, where he was also engaged in the practice of medicine. In 1888, Dr. Fitzpatrick attended the New York Post-Graduate School of Medicine, devoting special attention to otology and laryngology. After the completion of this course, he spent some months abroad and upon his return was tendered a professorship in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, to teach otology and laryngology, which position he filled until the year of 1892. In 1890, Dr. Fitzpatrick received an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Twin Valley College.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is a prominent member of the following medical associations: The American Medical Association; the American Laryngological Association, the American Rhinological Association; the American Otological Association; the Pan-American Congress; the Mississippi Valley Medical Association; the Ohio State Medical Association and the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

The political views of Dr. Fitzpatrick are in accord with those of the Republican party and he has filled the office of mayor of Norwood, which is his present home.



In religious matters, Dr. Fitzpatrick is broad and liberal in his views and gives largely to the support of the churches and worthy charities.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is a Thirty-second degree Mason.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Dr. Fitzpatrick to Lotta A. Willey, who passed from this life October 8, 1893, leaving one son, E. Verne, born in 1889.

The second union of Dr. Fitzpatrick was with Florence Swing, and to them was born one son, Thomas S.

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### E. C. BEE.

The Bee family has been well known in Clermont county since the great-grandfather of E. C. Bee located there in 1818. He located at New Richmond and died three days after his arrival. They are of English descent and have always been respected as public-spirited and progressive citizens. James Bee, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a successful contractor of Cincinnati for many years. E. C. Bee was born below Bethel, Clermont county, September 24, 1868, son of Joseph and Anna (Carter) Bee. The father, who was born in Cincinnati in 1846, lives near Bethel, and the mother was also born in Cincinnati, the date of her birth being 1859. After coming to Ohio Joseph Bee took up farming and has followed this occupation all his active life. He and his wife had eleven children, all born in Clermont county: William lives near Bethel; Joseph and George live in Tate township; E. C. is the subject of this sketch; Walter, Lewis and John live in Tate township; Fannie, Nellie, Gracie and Charlie, all live at home.

Mr. Bee was educated in the local schools and remained on the farm with his parents until his marriage, in 1902, to Miss Ethel Holland, born November 10, 1880, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Brogdon) Holland. Mr. Holland was born in Cincinnati in 1833 and Mrs. Holland was born near Bantam, Pierce township, Clermont county, in 1857. Their children, all born in Clermont county, were: Samuel C., an expert mechanic, lives at Providence, Rhode Island; Archie, a civil engineer, lives with his parents in Williamsburg township; Mrs. Bee.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bee located near Nicholasville, Pierce township, but one year later moved to





Stonelick township, where they remained two years. They then came back to Tate township and purchased their present very comfortable home. This purchase was made in 1904, and they have seventy acres of good farm land. Mr. Bee erected the present house and made an addition to the barn, besides making many other improvements. He is a progressive farmer and successfully follows modern methods. He is a Republican in politics and he and his wife belong to the Methodist church. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Bee have one child, Ralph Edward, born in Tate township, February 22, 1905, a promising child. Mr. and Mrs. Bee have worked side by side in gaining their start in life, and both have been most energetic and industrious. They stand well with their neighbors and are recognized as desirable members of the community. Mrs. Bee's uncle, Pierce Holland, served in the Civil war from Williamsburg township, Clermont county. Her parents were rather early settlers of Tate township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and became highly respected by all.

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#### FRANK J. DALE.

Frank J. Dale, one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, is the owner and proprietor of the general store at Ashdale, which he built and named. He was born July 22, 1868, in Miami township, and is a son of Ephrim and Louisa (Jordon) Dale.

Ephrim Dale was born in North Carolina, in 1825, and came to Clermont county with his parents when he was a very small boy. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio, but would never accept a pension from the government because of the feeling that he did not wish any remuneration for duty done at a time when the country needed the services of all loyal citizens. His death occurred in 1907 and his remains were laid to rest in the Green Lawn cemetery.

Louisa (Jordon) Dale was born in Clermont county, near Edenton, in 1832, and passed from this life in 1904. She was a member of an old family of the county, who were among the earliest settlers. She also is buried in Green Lawn cemetery, beside her husband. She became the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:



Louis is a resident of Stonelick township, is operating the old home place.

J. C. is married and is living at home.

Charles is a farmer of Miami township.

Frank J., of this mention.

Mr. Frank J. Dale attended school in Stonelick township, and remained at home until the age of seventeen years, after which he worked at the blacksmith trade until he reached the age of twenty years, when he returned to his home.

The marriage of Mr. Dale to Miss Sallie Hill took place September 5, 1888. Her parents were Benjamin and Mollie (Murphy) Hill, who are residents of Milford, Ohio, formerly farmers of Stonelick township. Mrs. Mollie (Murphy) Hill was born in Stonelick township. They became the parents of five children: Olin, of Stonelick township; Sallie, who is the wife of Mr. Dale; Milton; Nancy, the wife of Charles Wilson, is a resident of Madisonville, Ohio; Homer is a resident of Madisonville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale located on a farm on the Woodville and Edenton pike after marriage, where he engaged in the horse business for one year, following which they moved to a farm in Stonelick township, carrying on general farming for a period of two years. The next four years were spent in Milford, and at the end of that time, they removed to this locality, where they purchased one acre of land and engaged in the grocery business, making this their home also. They have a fine farm of fifty acres in Stonelick township.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dale have been three children, all born in Clermont county:

Roy, who was born in 1890, is in the grocery business in Cincinnati. He married Nellie Wilson, in August, 1912.

Court, born in March, 1892, is in the store with his father.

Lilla was born in December, 1894, and is at home.

Mr. Dale is a Republican in politics, and is always active in the interests of the party. He has served his party in various local offices, having been twice supervisor and is only the second assessor ever elected on the Republican ticket in this township, and in this capacity he has given the utmost satisfaction. At present he is serving as committeeman of the township and has served on the school board for the past nine years.

Mrs. Dale has membership with the Methodist church, to which both she and Mr. Dale give liberally of their means.





Mr. Dale enjoys a large patronage, and is held in high regard by his fellow citizens. He is an enterprising farmer, as well as an energetic store keeper, and it would be hard to find a more genial, practical and popular gentleman.

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### WILLIAM S. KELSEY.

Mr. William S. Kelsey, one of Brown county's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, has for the past six years filled the office of postmaster of Levanna, where he is also engaged in the mercantile business. His birth occurred at Levanna, Ohio, January 19, 1867, a son of Henry C. and Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey.

Henry C. Kelsey was born in Cincinnati in April of 1844, his parents immigrating to America from Ireland about 1832, locating first in Pennsylvania, where he engaged as a mechanic and who came to Cincinnati about 1840. They both passed from this life at Cincinnati. Henry C. Kelsey served three years and ten months in the First Kentucky infantry during the Civil war, and the exposure and hardship of the battle field brought about poor health. He was by trade a decorator and painter, which he followed after his return from the war. In 1866, he removed from Cincinnati to Levanna. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hostirt Liggett Post, No. 145, of Ripley, Ohio, and was a devout member of the Christian church. His death took place in 1901.

Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey was born at Levanna, Ohio, in 1844, and her death occurred in 1897. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Melinda (Mefford) Jordan, the former of whom was one of the pioneers of Brown county, who came from Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born at Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, and died at Levanna, Ohio.

To the union of Henry C. and Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey were born four children: William S., the subject of this sketch; Edward L., a ship builder and foreman, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lulu M., wife of W. A. Dunham, of Cincinnati; and Bert S., a ship carpenter, of Cincinnati.

William S. Kelsey was reared at Levanna, Ohio, and after completing his education in the school at his native town, learned the trade of painter and decorator, in which business he has been engaged until December of 1906. He was suc-



cessful in the business, but tired of it, and determined to take up the mercantile business, and his large patronage is proof that he is prospering in this line also.

His union with Miss Annie L. Chapman took place in 1890. She is a native of Levanna, and is a daughter of William and Geneva (Dunham) Chapman, the latter of whom passed away in March, 1909, and the former residing at Levanna. Mrs. Kelsey has brothers and sisters living as follows: Charles, of Chilo, Ohio; William, of Cincinnati; Mrs. I. W. Lawrence, of Chilo, Ohio; and Mrs. J. L. Pangburn, of Levanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have three sons, Roy E., Roland S. and Howard C., all of whom are at the parental home. Roy E. is principal of the Higginsport schools and Roland S. is a teacher in the Brown county schools.

The political views of Mr. Kelsey are in accord with those of the Republican party, and although he does not desire public office, is interested in all that affects the interests of the community in which he lives.

The social relations of our subject are with the Modern Woodmen of America, of Ripley. The family of Mr. Kelsey attend the Christian church, of which Mrs. Kelsey is a consistent member.

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### FRANKLIN PIERCE HITE.

Numbered among the most progressive and prosperous of Brown county citizens, is Mr. Franklin Pierce Hite, who for the past forty-one years has been successfully engaged in the tobacco business, as a buyer and dealer, at Ripley, Ohio, where he owns two large tobacco ware houses. Mr. Hite was born at Higginsport, Ohio, August 7, 1852, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Dugan) Hite, the latter of whom was born in Brown county and is a daughter of Jesse Dugan, an early merchant at Higginsport, where he was a large dealer in pork. She passed away in October, 1910, at the age of eighty-six years.

James Hite was born in the neighborhood of Sandusky, Ohio, coming to Higginsport as a young man. He was a merchant and large tobacco dealer, and in this line of work was very successful. He reared a large family, consisting of eleven children, of whom eight are living. He was a staunch Demo-

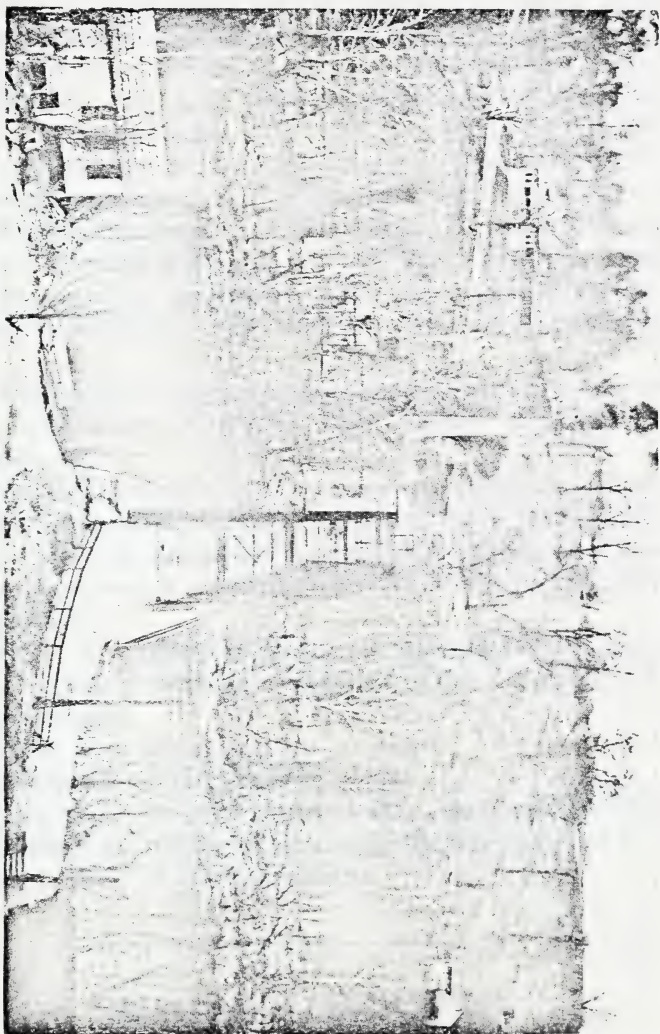




SCENE ON EAST FORK OF LITTLE MIAMI RIVER.







PERINTOWN THE BEAUTIFUL. EAST FORK OF LITTLE MIAMI



crat, and served as postmaster for many years. In religious belief, he was a Universalist and his death occurred at Higginsport.

Mr. F. P. Hite is the fifth of eleven children, and was reared and resided at Higginsport until his removal to Ripley, about the spring of 1893. He purchased a beautiful old home on West Second street, which he has remodeled and modernized.

In 1877, Mr. Hite was united in marriage to Miss Julia Davidson, of Higginsport, where she was born and reared, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Holden) Davidson, the latter of whom was a native of Maine, and the former a native of Washington, Mason county, Kentucky. He came to Brown county as a young man and married here. He was a mill wright by business, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife died in 1879, aged sixty-seven years.

Mrs. Hite is the youngest of seven sisters, three of whom are living: Miss Mary, of Ripley; Mrs. Fannie Brookbank, of Champaign, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Hite have one daughter, Mayme, now Mrs. O. C. Ellis, of Ripley, and they have two children, Elizabeth Virginia and Ruth Evelyn. Mr. Ellis is in the tobacco business, and is also a farmer. He was born and reared at Higginsport.

In politics, Mr. Hite is a Democrat, but not in the light of an office seeker, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests.

Mrs. Hite and her sister are consistent members of the Christian church of Higginsport, Ohio.

Mr. Hite is an energetic business man, thoroughly reliable in his dealings and whatever of success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

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### WILLIAM A. GILLILAND.

Mr. William A. Gilliland, who has passed the eighty-fourth milestone of life's journey, is numbered among the oldest native born sons of Brown county, and has resided for more than fifty years on his present home farm in the northern part of Union township. He is recognized throughout the county as one of its most influential men, known alike to rich and poor,





he is esteemed by all with whom he is associated. Mr. Gilliland was born in Union township, April 20, 1829, and is a son of James and Narcissa L. (McLain) Gilliland.

James Gilliland was born in South Carolina, in the year of 1804, and the year following, his parents, Rev. James and Frances (Baird) Gilliland, became residents of Brown county, Ohio. Rev. James Gilliland was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, in 1769, and his death occurred in Brown county, in February, 1845. He was a Presbyterian minister, and preached for over thirty-seven years at the Red Oak Presbyterian church, which was erected in 1817.

James Gilliland carried on the business of farming for many years, and raised much good stock, always taking an interest in the improvement of both stock and land. In later years, he was associated with the Farmers' Bank, as president, and his death took place on his farm in Union township, in 1881. He was a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and was a staunch member of the Presbyterian church, in which he was always active and a liberal contributor.

Narcissa L. McLain was born in Pennsylvania, December 16, 1808, and passed from this life in 1882. She came as a child down the Ohio river, with her parents, who were early settlers of Brown county, and were prominent members of the Presbyterian church. She and James Gilliland were the parents of five children, of whom William A., of this mention, is the eldest. The others are: John L. and Amanda, died in infancy; James M., of El Paso, Tex., until recently a farmer of Union township; and Luther, deceased.

William A. Gilliland enjoyed the educational privileges of the Marietta College, where he took a preparatory course of one year and one-half, after which he pursued his studies at Hanover College, graduating in the class of 1853. He then took up the study of medicine, under Dr. Alexander Dunlap, and further broadened his knowledge at the Jefferson Medical College of Pennsylvania. Following his graduation from this institution, he entered upon the practice of his profession at Hillsboro, Ohio. After a period of about one year, he concluded to give up his practice and this he did, purchasing his farm in Brown county, and turning his attention to the pursuits of agriculture.

Mr. Gilliland was first united in marriage to Elizabeth Jane Hopkins, who was born in Union township, in 1832, and died in the latter part of 1860. She was a daughter of John and



Nancy (Mayes) Hopkins, who were from South Carolina. Of this union, seven children were born:

Frank W., a farmer of Union township, is the father of five children.

Miss Hattie N., at home.

Anna Mary, who is now Mrs. S. W. Kincaid, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Elizabeth, who became the wife of Dr. S. L. McCreight, of Chicago.

James H. is in business at Los Angeles, Cal.

Jeanette, who is the wife of Mr. Chambers Baird, of Ripley.

Miss Althea, at home.

For his second wife, Mr. Gilliland chose a sister of his former wife, Miss Harriet Ann Hopkins, the ceremony taking place in the year of 1871. Both ladies are sisters of Mr. Archie Hopkins. The present Mrs. Gilliland was born May 9, 1834, and is a lady of great intellectual ability, having had collegiate advantages.

Mr. Gilliland and his family are members of the Red Oak Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a ruling elder and superintendent of the Sabbath school for many years.

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#### LOUIS O. GARDNER.

Mr. L. O. Gardner is engaged in the raising of draft horses and other blooded stock on his well tilled farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio. He has registered Percheron horses, stallions and mares and devotes his entire attention to the improvement of his farm and the raising, buying and selling of fine stock.

Mr. Gardner is a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred in Union township, October 18, 1860, and his parents are Mr. John W. and Nancy Jane (Boggs) Gardner. He was reared to farm life and attended the common schools of his district, thereby obtaining a good education. He made farming and stock raising his life occupation, and in this line he has met with an unusual measure of success.

Mr. L. O. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Jeanette Buchanan, on October 21, 1884. She was born in Huntington township, and is a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Hiett)



Buchanan. Their family consists of four children, all born in Brown county:

Earl is a member of the undertaking firm of Trapp & Gardner, of Ripley, Ohio.

Thomas is at home on the farm.

Frank died at the age of three years.

Charles is also at home. He married Miss Margaret Earsley, a daughter of Joseph Earsley, of Union township, Brown county.

In politics Mr. Gardner votes the Independent ticket. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and family are members of the Hiatt's Chapel Christian Church, in Huntington township.

All four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are graduates of the Ripley High School, and the eldest, Earl, spent three years as a student of the University of Ohio and attended Nelson's Business College of Cincinnati. They are a family of whom their parents are justly proud.

Mr. Gardner enjoys the universal esteem and regard of all who know him and his success in life is due entirely to his own energy and enterprise.

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### THOMAS BUCHANAN.

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, a leading citizen of Brown county, and one of its most prosperous farmers, resides on his well improved and highly cultivated farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Huntington township, his home since 1849. Mr. Buchanan was born in Belfont, Shropshire, Scotland, his natal day being November 30, 1833, and his parents were Thomas and Jeanette (McCuen) Buchanan. The mother passed away about 1843, and the father died in 1849, aged about seventy-five years. They were both devout and active members of the Presbyterian church.

The subject of this mention remained at the parental home in Belfont until the year of 1846, when he accompanied a sister to the city of Glasgow. In 1849, the youth sailed for America in company with an older brother, George, who located in Brown county. George Buchanan brought with him from Scotland, his wife and two children, they having been influenced to leave the old country by his wife's uncle, John





Thomas, who had settled in Brown county some time previous.

Thomas Buchanan had very little capital with which to begin life in the new country, but he, with his brothers, George and John, purchased his present home farm, then mostly timber land. Two years later, Thomas bought out his brothers' interest in the farm and George removed to near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he followed the occupation of general farming until his decease, in 1906, at the age of eighty-five years.

In April, 1853, Mr. Thomas Buchanan married Miss Ellen Hiatt, who was born in Huntington township, Brown county, August 23, 1828, whose death occurred January 27, 1909, at the age of eighty-one years. She was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Gilbert) Hiatt, who were from Pennsylvania, and were among the pioneers of Brown county. She was a member of the Christian church, Hiatt's Chapel in Huntington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were the parents of ten children, of whom one, Samuel, died in infancy, and another, George, died in 1908 in California, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Myrtle Kendall, and one daughter seven years of age. Those living are:

John, who is a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county.

Thomas Jr., of Ripley, who is engaged in the coal and feed and stock business.

Miss Sarah Ann, at home.

Jeanette, wife of Louis O. Gardner, mentioned elsewhere.

Griffith, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Russellville, Ohio.

Elizabeth, Ruth and William are at home.

The home of Mr. Thomas Buchanan, which he erected in 1855, stands in the midst of well tilled fields. He has made all the improvements on this farm and has remodeled the home which is one of comfort in every respect.

During the winter of 1877 and 1878, Mr. Buchanan was privileged to visit the home of his childhood and youth in Scotland, and the pleasure this trip afforded him has never been forgotten.

Politically Mr. Buchanan has voted the Republican ticket mainly, although he voted for President Buchanan.

Socially, Mr. Buchanan is a member of Ripley Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons,



and Hanselm Commandery of Cincinnati. He was made a Mason in 1856.

Religiously he has been an active member and generous supporter of the Presbyterian church of Huntington township, for many years.

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### REZIN HAWKINS.

Among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Clermont county, is numbered Mr. Rezin Hawkins, a farmer and fruit grower on Twelve Mile creek, where he owns and operates his sixty-five-acre fruit farm, in Ohio township. He has a fine pear orchard of twelve acres and a five-acre cherry orchard, beside berries of all kinds. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and has followed the business of fruit culture most of his active life. He was born on the farm which he now owns, which is a part of the old home place, February 27, 1848, and is a son of William Hawkins, whose family record appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Rezin Hawkins was reared to habits of industry and enjoyed all the advantages of a good home and kind parents. He acquired a good common school education and grew to manhood on the parental farm. At the time of the war he took passage to Charleston (now West Virginia), in 1863, and enlisted in Company A, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until his discharge on account of disability, in March, 1865. He participated in all the engagements during his service and was seriously injured at Fisher Hill, after which he spent four months in the hospital, in Delaware and West Philadelphia. For three years after his return to his home, his life hung in the balance. He had been wounded in the elbow and he was advised to have the arm removed, but it finally healed up and he engaged in the fruit growing business as soon as he was physically able to do so. Mr. Hawkins is one of five brothers who were soldiers, four of whom are now living.

Mr. Hawkins has been twice married, first in Ohio township to Miss Hattie Leeds, who was a native of Stonelick township, Clermont county, a daughter of Lewis Leeds, an early settler of the county, a carpenter and builder, who is long since deceased. She died in 1875, at the age of nearly twenty-two years. To this union were born two children:





Edmond married a Miss Cook and they are the parents of two children, Ada and Roy.

Rezin, Jr., who died in infancy.

The second marriage of Mr. Hawkins was to Mary Ellen Leeds, a sister of his former wife, and they have had ten children, eight of whom are living:

William married and has two children. He is a resident of lower Kentucky.

Harriet married William Baldwin, and died in 1905, leaving two children, Raymond and Stella.

Henry married a daughter of Edward White, and has one son, Edward. They are residents of Monroe township, this county.

Melvina, who became the wife of William Lake, and resides in Arkansas.

Rezin, Jr., of Monroe township, married a daughter of Charles Carnes, and has three children, Ella, Arthur and Mildred.

Catherine is Mrs. Guy Smith and is a resident of Monroe township.

Lorraineo, at home.

Mart, at home.

Daisy, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mary, died at the age of four years.

In political views, Mr. Hawkins is a staunch Republican, and has served his party in the various local offices, for six years as township trustee and has been an active member of the school board for the past twelve years. He was elected county commissioner in 1904 and served four years. Socially, he is and has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past forty years, being also a member of the New Richmond Encampment. He and his family are members of the New Richmond Methodist church. As residents of Clermont county, the family of Mr. Hawkins has many friends.

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### CAPT. GEORGE W. TEMPLE.

Capt. George W. Temple, United States gauger, in the Department of Internal Revenue, since June 17, 1901, is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Clermont county. His beautiful home at Lindale, Ohio, stands very



nearly on the site of the cabin home erected by his paternal grandfather, Rev. Ichabod Temple, who was pastor of the Baptist church of Lindale for thirty-eight consecutive years.

Rev. Ichabod Temple came to Clermont county from near Bangor, Me., in 1816, and erected his log cabin, which was said to be the best built cabin in this section of the country. Rev. Ichabod Temple was born in the North of Ireland in 1762 and had two brothers, one of whom remained in the land of his nativity, while the other came to America and settled in the southern part of the United States. Rev. Temple was ordained in Maine and there was twice married, his first wife being the grandmother of Mr. Temple of this biographical sketch. His first charge in Ohio was at Ten Mile, where the first stone church in this locality was erected.

Cyrus Temple, the father of George W. Temple, was born in Maine in 1804, and when eleven years of age accompanied his parents to Clermont county, the long trip being made by ox team. Cyrus Temple assisted his father to clear the farm, which was mostly timber, and spent most of his life on this farm. His wife was Sarah West, who was born near Bethel, in 1801, and was a daughter of James and Mary (Atkinson) West, who were born and raised forty miles south of Alexandria, Va., and located near Bethel in the latter part of the Eighteenth century. James West was a brick layer and built many of the homes and buildings in the county. He died in 1852, in December, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died at the age of eighty-six years. She was of unusual height for a woman, being six feet tall, and her brothers were very tall, one of whom was six feet, eight inches. They were the parents of two sons and six daughters, Eliza, Rosanna, Rebecca, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nancy, James and Edmond. The boys died as young men.

Cyrus Temple was one of eight children, Jacob, Robert, Nathaniel, Henry, William, Mrs. Edmond and Mrs. Preble, all of whom are now deceased.

Capt. George W. Temple is one of four sons and two daughters:

Mary died September 20, 1863, leaving a husband, Arthur Wyatt, and four children.

Hester A. married Jacob Donham, and died in June, 1906, leaving one son and five daughters.

James Perry died in 1855, at the age of twenty-four years.

Oliver C., a member of Company F, Eighty-ninth Ohio vol-

The first of these was the discovery of gold in California in 1848. This discovery led to a great influx of people to California, and the state became a free state in 1850. The second was the discovery of gold in Nevada in 1859. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Nevada, and the state became a free state in 1864. The third was the discovery of gold in Colorado in 1858. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Colorado, and the state became a free state in 1876. The fourth was the discovery of gold in Idaho in 1860. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Idaho, and the state became a free state in 1890. The fifth was the discovery of gold in Montana in 1865. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Montana, and the state became a free state in 1889. The sixth was the discovery of gold in Wyoming in 1869. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Wyoming, and the state became a free state in 1890. The seventh was the discovery of gold in Utah in 1871. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Utah, and the state became a free state in 1896. The eighth was the discovery of gold in Arizona in 1876. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Arizona, and the state became a free state in 1909. The ninth was the discovery of gold in New Mexico in 1880. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New Mexico, and the state became a free state in 1906. The tenth was the discovery of gold in Texas in 1885. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Texas, and the state became a free state in 1901. The eleventh was the discovery of gold in Oklahoma in 1889. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Oklahoma, and the state became a free state in 1906. The twelfth was the discovery of gold in Kansas in 1890. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Kansas, and the state became a free state in 1861. The thirteenth was the discovery of gold in Nebraska in 1891. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Nebraska, and the state became a free state in 1867. The fourteenth was the discovery of gold in Iowa in 1892. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Iowa, and the state became a free state in 1846. The fifteenth was the discovery of gold in Missouri in 1893. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Missouri, and the state became a free state in 1820. The sixteenth was the discovery of gold in Arkansas in 1894. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Arkansas, and the state became a free state in 1836. The seventeenth was the discovery of gold in Louisiana in 1895. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Louisiana, and the state became a free state in 1804. The eighteenth was the discovery of gold in Mississippi in 1896. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Mississippi, and the state became a free state in 1817. The nineteenth was the discovery of gold in Alabama in 1897. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Alabama, and the state became a free state in 1801. The twentieth was the discovery of gold in Georgia in 1898. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Georgia, and the state became a free state in 1788. The twenty-first was the discovery of gold in Florida in 1899. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Florida, and the state became a free state in 1845. The twenty-second was the discovery of gold in South Carolina in 1900. This discovery led to a great influx of people to South Carolina, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-third was the discovery of gold in North Carolina in 1901. This discovery led to a great influx of people to North Carolina, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-fourth was the discovery of gold in Virginia in 1902. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Virginia, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-fifth was the discovery of gold in West Virginia in 1903. This discovery led to a great influx of people to West Virginia, and the state became a free state in 1863. The twenty-sixth was the discovery of gold in Maryland in 1904. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Maryland, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-seventh was the discovery of gold in Delaware in 1905. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Delaware, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-eighth was the discovery of gold in Pennsylvania in 1906. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Pennsylvania, and the state became a free state in 1776. The twenty-ninth was the discovery of gold in New Jersey in 1907. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New Jersey, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirtieth was the discovery of gold in New York in 1908. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New York, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-first was the discovery of gold in Connecticut in 1909. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Connecticut, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-second was the discovery of gold in Rhode Island in 1910. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Rhode Island, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-third was the discovery of gold in Massachusetts in 1911. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Massachusetts, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-fourth was the discovery of gold in Vermont in 1912. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Vermont, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-fifth was the discovery of gold in New Hampshire in 1913. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New Hampshire, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-sixth was the discovery of gold in Maine in 1914. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Maine, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-seventh was the discovery of gold in New Brunswick in 1915. This discovery led to a great influx of people to New Brunswick, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-eighth was the discovery of gold in Nova Scotia in 1916. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Nova Scotia, and the state became a free state in 1776. The thirty-ninth was the discovery of gold in Prince Edward Island in 1917. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Prince Edward Island, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fortieth was the discovery of gold in Newfoundland in 1918. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Newfoundland, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-first was the discovery of gold in the United Kingdom in 1919. This discovery led to a great influx of people to the United Kingdom, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-second was the discovery of gold in France in 1920. This discovery led to a great influx of people to France, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-third was the discovery of gold in Germany in 1921. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Germany, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-fourth was the discovery of gold in Italy in 1922. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Italy, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-fifth was the discovery of gold in Spain in 1923. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Spain, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-sixth was the discovery of gold in Portugal in 1924. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Portugal, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-seventh was the discovery of gold in Greece in 1925. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Greece, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-eighth was the discovery of gold in Turkey in 1926. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Turkey, and the state became a free state in 1776. The forty-ninth was the discovery of gold in Russia in 1927. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Russia, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fiftieth was the discovery of gold in China in 1928. This discovery led to a great influx of people to China, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-first was the discovery of gold in Japan in 1929. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Japan, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-second was the discovery of gold in Korea in 1930. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Korea, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-third was the discovery of gold in India in 1931. This discovery led to a great influx of people to India, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-fourth was the discovery of gold in Pakistan in 1932. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Pakistan, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-fifth was the discovery of gold in Bangladesh in 1933. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Bangladesh, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-sixth was the discovery of gold in Sri Lanka in 1934. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Sri Lanka, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-seventh was the discovery of gold in Ceylon in 1935. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Ceylon, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-eighth was the discovery of gold in Malaya in 1936. This discovery led to a great influx of people to Malaya, and the state became a free state in 1776. The fifty-ninth was the discovery of gold in the Philippines in 1937. This discovery led to a great influx of people to the Philippines, and the state became a free state in 1776. The sixtieth was the discovery of gold in the United States in 1938. This discovery led to a great influx of people to the United States, and the state became a free state in 1776.

unteer infantry, died in Libby prison, having been captured at Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, and died the following October 24th.

A. J., of Lindale, was first lieutenant of the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry of the "Zouave" regiment, being the tallest man in his regiment.

George W., our subject, who was born May 20, 1842.

Capt. George W. Temple was reared at Lindale, where he received his preliminary education. He further pursued his studies at the Clermont Academy for one year and for two years he was a student in the Amelia High School. He attended a select school under Prof. John Ferguson, at Lindale, and at the end of his study here, taught school for twelve winters, farming during the summer.

From 1882 to 1884 he served as deputy revenue collector and was nominated and elected in the fall of 1884 to the office of county auditor, and in this capacity served for six years. For one term Mr. Temple served as sheriff, after which he returned to the revenue service, being reinstalled June 17, 1901.

Capt. George W. Temple was one of the brave soldiers of Company F, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, having enlisted on July 29, 1862, and mustered out June 7, 1865. He participated in many dangerous campaigns and was with General Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," also taking part in the Grand Review, at Washington. He was mustered out as first sergeant, although he had served as sergeant-major, and has always been known as "Captain."

On June 9, 1867, occurred the marriage of Captain Temple to Miss Sallie J. Idlet, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bainum) Idlet, both of whom were born in Clermont county, and who are now deceased. Mrs. Temple has four brothers and seven sisters, all living with the exception of one.

Captain and Mrs. Temple are the parents of the following children:

Della, who became the wife of E. C. McCaskill, president of a college at Superior, Wis.

Allen P. is a professor of Natural Science at Springfield, Mo. He married Miss Blanche Wyatt, of Stephen's Point, Wis., and they have one daughter, Jane, who was born June 19, 1908.

Politically, Captain Temple has always voted the Republican ticket, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, at his second election. His first vote for Governor of Ohio was given to John Bluff. He has held many positions of trust





and responsibility in connection with public affairs, but has never sought political honors. In fraternal circles, he is widely known, having membership in the Masonic order, of Amelia, the Knights of Pythias, of Batavia, now demitted and is the oldest in the county, from 1872, and formerly of the Odd Fellows of New Richmond. He is a member of Amelia Post, No. 319, Grand Army of the Republic, and attends the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Temple is a member.

Captain Temple is a man of upright life, who well represents the very best citizenship of this section and the whole family is held in the highest esteem.

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### FRANK L. POELTZ.

Frank L. Poeltz, one of the most respected merchants of Brown county, is a self-made man and worked very hard to get a start in life, advancing slowly to his present position. He has been successful through energy and industry and is interested in the progress and welfare of his community, as a good citizen. He was born in Clermont county in 1864, son of Julius and Wilhelmina Poeltz. The parents are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of their son, Charles Poeltz, which appears in another portion of this work. The father was born in Germany in 1827 and died in 1855, and the mother, who was born in 1826, lives with her son Charles in Clermont county.

Mr. Poeltz attended school at Laurel, Clermont county, and his first work was assisting his father on the home farm. He remained with his parents until his marriage, devoting his time to farming and to the trade of blacksmith. He spent twelve years at this trade in Monroe township, Clermont county, and was an expert workman, having a large trade. In 1894 he married Miss Laura Metzgar, who was born in Cincinnati, in November, 1866, daughter of Gottlieb and Harriet (Flinchbaugh) Metzgar. Mr. Metzgar was born in Germany and his wife, who was born in Cincinnati in 1835, lives with her son-in-law, Mr. Poeltz. She had several brothers who served in the Civil war. Mr. Metzgar was a machinist and locksmith, doing expert repair work in nearly all mechanical lines, and was highly regarded as a workman and as a citizen. He and his wife had the following five children: William died in 1909; John and Edward live in Cincinnati; Frank died in 1909, six months before the death of William; Mrs. Poeltz was the only daughter.



After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Poeltz settled in the village of Laurel, Clermont county, and as before mentioned, he followed his trade of blacksmith there a dozen years. In 1906 they came to Russellville, Ohio, and engaged in business there. He keeps a full line of general hardware and agricultural implements, making a specialty of heating and cook stoves. He also has paints and oils, and handles a high grade of fence, tiling, sewer pipe, and a similar line. He has a patronage extending for many miles around the village and has a good standing in business circles. He is known to be upright and conscientious in his dealings and his personality has helped bring him custom. In politics he is a Republican and at the age of twenty years he served as assessor in Monroe township. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church, of which he is steward and trustee. They reside on Main street, where the store is located, and he owns both pieces of property, as well as some vacant lots in the new division.

Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Poeltz and wife, both born in Clermont county: Edith May, who died at the age of two and one-half years, and Carson Harold, born in 1900.

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### GEORGE W. TURNER.

George W. Turner is the owner of a valuable farm of eighty-eight acres in the Valley of the East Fork, in Union township, and has an attractive residence in the midst of well cultivated fields. His place gives evidence of industry and thrift and he is considered as one of the leading stock men in the county.

On November 26, 1847, in Hamilton county, Ohio, occurred the birth of George W. Turner, his parents being Michael and Nancy (Flinn) Turner. George W. is the sixth of a family of eleven children, of whom five are now living:

Isaac D. was born April 4, 1844, and is a resident of Summer-side, Clermont county.

James J., of Monterey, this county, was born January 26, 1846.

Miss Anna E., residing with her brother, Edwin J.

Edwin J., who was born October 13, 1860, is operating the home farm.

Those who are deceased are as follows:

John W. married Rhoda Davis, a sister of Benjamin F. Davis.





whose sketch appears in these volumes. He was born June 24, 1855, and died October 23, 1888.

Joseph died in infancy, May 14, 1857.

Sarah died January 27, 1857, in her sixteenth year.

Syrena died October 20, 1868, in her sixteenth year.

William died in infancy, July 30, 1841.

Van Buren M. died January 18, 1847, at the age of nine years.

Michael Turner was born October 13, 1809, in Pennsylvania, near the town of Sparta, and died August 28, 1889. He came with his parents, Isaac and Sarah (Winton) Turner, to Ohio by flatboat, where they located at what is known as "Round Bottom" in Hamilton county. Later Isaac removed to the farm which is now the home of his grandson, Edwin J., and built a part of the home now standing, in 1817. Isaac was born January 1, 1778, in Pennsylvania and died in Ohio, July 17, 1833. Sarah (Winton) was born October 9, 1779, and died August 30, 1849. They were the parents of nine children:

Michael was a successful farmer and stock raiser, being also a large dealer in meats. He was married December 3, 1835, to Miss Nancy Flinn, near Madisonville, Ohio. She was born January 1, 1817, and died December 19, 1879. Her paternal grandmother is reputed to be the first white woman to land at Columbia, near what is now the city of Cincinnati. She was a Methodist from girlhood, but Mr. Turner never joined any church or secret order.

George W. Turner was reared in Hamilton county, Ohio, and was well educated, attending, in addition to regular schooling, the Nelson Business College at Cincinnati, and has followed the occupation of farming along scientific lines and has met with splendid success.

In 1875 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Lucy J. Ragland, of Hamilton, who is a sister of John G. Ragland, mentioned elsewhere on these pages. In 1876 Mr. Turner removed to Clermont county, locating one mile above Perintown, where he carried on general farming until 1890, when he sold the farm and purchased the present home. He has made many improvements and his farm is one of the attractive homes in the county.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Turner consists of the following children:

Clifton R. died in infancy.

Flora S. became the wife of Henry Friend, a member of the Cincinnati Fire Department.



Alice R. married John Rosenberger and they have one daughter, Helen F.

Nannie E., who is Mrs. Edwin Ernst, farmers of near Batavia. They have two sons and one daughter: Emmerson T., George C., and Mary Lucille.

Politically Mr. Turner gives his support to the Democratic party and has served in the various local offices of his township. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Newtown, also being a member of the Grange. Both Mr. Turner and his wife are members of the Methodist church and give liberally to its support.

















